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Subject: 2857 Packard Road Re-zoning

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Regarding: 2857 Packard Road Re-zoning

Description: Midwestern Consulting & Peters Building Co propose to rezone the property at 2857 Packard Road from R1C to R1E.

To: City Clerk, City Planning, Ward 3 Council Members,

I strongly object to the rezoning of 2857 Packard Rd from R1C to R1E based on the following reasons:

Equity: Surrounding areas are zoned R1C or R1B. On the grounds of equity, the new development should keep the same code.

Enjoyment: Rezoning this property and putting in a high-density development will change the look, feel, and sound of the neighborhood. Large setbacks and space between homes mark the area currently.

Access: Traffic on Packard Road is already quite heavy during most of the day, and gridlocked at rush hours. Inserting a high density development in this area with no other road access will make traffic much worse at all times of day.

Established codes: The zone R1E appears to have never been assigned to any areas in Ann Arbor. Zone R1D has been assigned in a few areas, and even that building density is a big change from R1B and R1C in the areas surrounding this proposed development.

A WELL ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD is not the place to experiment with codes.

I have lived on Easy Street, in this well established neighborhood, for decades. I moved in just after the street had been paved for the first time. I chose this location, 2910 Easy Street Ann Arbor, MI 48104, which is five houses off Packard Road, lot 24, because it was surrounded by open spaces. THIS LOCATION OFFERED VERY LOW NOISE AND LOW LIGHT LEVELS FOR SLEEPING WITH WINDOWS OPEN. Over the years, increased noise (waste disposal truck back-up noise and recycled bottle noise from events, car alarm and car doors closing noise, storm warning system noise up to 10 X day) and lighting (bright security lighting, headlights) in Buhr Park have made use of the back bedroom for sleeping impossible. I now utilize the only the front of the house for sleeping. I fear the rezoning of 2857 Packard Rd from R1C to R1E would negatively impact my ability to sleep in the front of the house, and necessitate leaving my home entirely.

Lastly, as part of the Easy Street Project, sidewalks and brick drainage (which generate noise) were added to Easy Street, which I opposed due to my sleeping needs. During one of those meetings a councilwoman referred to this neighborhood as "starter homes," implying people living here are lower income and/ or move on to nicer, larger homes later. She also asked the group at that meeting if anyone could not afford sidewalks, which I remember and find offensive to this day! It certainly took me more than 20 seconds to "afford" that sidewalk. Many homes on Easy Street have single income owners. We have chosen affordable homes (single income) with an open, natural environment, and I, for one, have no plans to move elsewhere.

PLEASE DENY THIS REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE!

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

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