

Subject: SEU25-0001-805 Oxford

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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
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Dear member of the City Planning Commission:

I write to share my strong opposition to the plan for 805 Oxford before you. I am resident of this area, living at 516 Oswego, and am deeply troubled by the idea of building a large complex for Greek life here. We already have a number of such houses that wreak havoc on our neighborhood. The issues are manifold: increased traffic at all hours of day and night, limited street parking because they don't have enough parking for the number of residents, noise levels that undermine our health (because they undermine our sleep), and trash is a constant problem from these houses. I see no reason why this house would be any different from the others that are already a problem for us in this neighborhood.

We have tried getting the city to regulate them so that they are not a nuisance. If anything, the city seems to wash its hands of these houses, deferring to the university's Greek Life authorities. And the university does nothing to contain their behavior. Simply put: they make for very bad neighbors and they undermine our well-being—literally.

As a long-time resident of this neighborhood (22 years) with the hopes of staying on here, I don't want to see this project move forward.

Sincerely
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