

# City Council

Meeting Time: 07-16-18 19:00

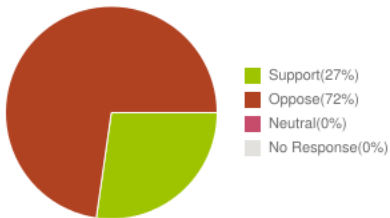
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council	07-16-18 19:00	81	11	3	8	0

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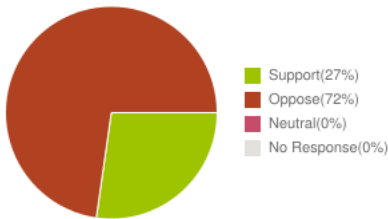
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PH-2 18-0446 An Ordinance to Repeal Sections 4:16 through 4:20 and Section 4:30 of Chapter 47 (Streets and Curb Cuts) of Title IV; and Chapter 55 (Zoning), Chapter 56 (Prohibited Land Uses), Chapter 57 (Subdivision and Land Use Control), Chapter 59 (Off-Street Parking), Chapter 60 (Wetlands), Chapter 61 (Signs and Outdoor Advertising), Chapter 62 (Landscaping and Screening), Chapter 63 (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control), of Title V; and Chapter 104 (Fences) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor with a New Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of Said Code (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-08)	1	0	1	0
PH-6 18-0807 Resolution to Approve the Cottages at Barton Green Site Plan, Wetland Use Permit, and Development Agreement, West Side of Pontiac Trail, South of Dhu Varren Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 2 Yeas and 7 Nays)	5	0	5	0
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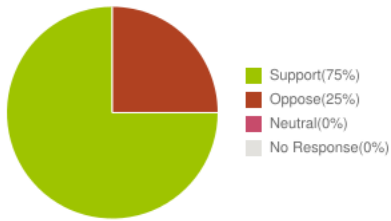
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### **R. A.**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 07-14-18

They need to be better regulated.

### **Lawrence Sklar**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 07-13-18

I am a resident of north Burns Park. I strongly support the proposed Zoning Amendment for Special Exemption Use Standards for Fraternities and Sororities. It is vitally important to keep some kinds of reasonable control over these groups. North Burns Park is a desirable neighborhood with a long tradition. But the uncontrolled use of property by fraternities constitutes a genuine threat to the integrity of this neighborhood.

### **Anthony Weil**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39pm 07-13-18

Dear Mayor Taylor and the City Council,

My wife, Ann Orr, and I are residents of North Burns Park. We live at 1019 Lincoln Ave, half a block from Cambridge and numerous fraternities. We strongly support the proposed Zoning Amendment for Special Exception Use Standards for Fraternities and Sororities.

### **Lisa Jevens**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:05pm 07-13-18

Please vote YES on the change to the Special Exception Use Permit that will allow us to get rid of unaffiliated fraternities in the future--with a 2-year time span, not 5. They simply want to be able to continue doing whatever they want, wherever they want, regardless of the taxpaying neighbors' quality of life, university oversight, waste of police and fire resources, and garbage complaint enforcement costs.

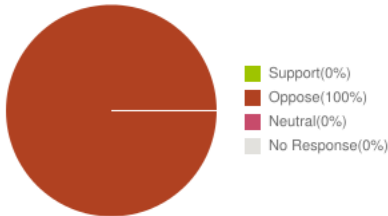
I am hoping this ordinance will cause fraternities to think twice about where they locate in town, making it less likely that they choose a single-family area where they are more likely to generate complaints, become unaffiliated, and get kicked out of their house.

If we would have had this law in place before, we would have been able to get rid of the DKEs at 1004 Olivia, who are unaffiliated. Just ask the police, they know who the DKEs are. Talk about a waste of city resources every single year!

We in North Burns Park want some new rules on fraternity zoning.

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### Rita Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59pm 07-16-18

As only one aspect of the UDC, RE: 5.23.4-3 Low level concern with paved floodway areas indicates that the areas can be developed.

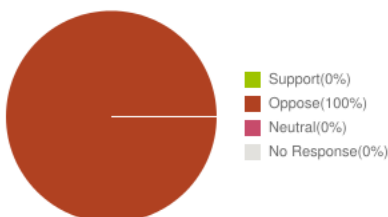
I urge caution on development in floodways, in particular anything that will impede water flow, or include housing or other occupancy, because of the potential for harm from flooding. I am concerned that the change indicated is too lax, and may encourage building in unsafe locations.

I urge Council to slow the process of approval of the UDC changes. Few members of the public have taken the immense amount of time required to understand the changes and think of implications of adoption.

Your action on this code will have the force of law, and will affect future decisions. Make sure that your decision is in the best interest of the community before adopting the entire UDC. Make a plan to break up the document, review specifically, and adopt changes as the document is understood to have a best outcome for the community, not just for developers.

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### C B

Location: 30680, Winder

Submitted At: 5:29pm 07-16-18

I am opposed to the current plan. We need to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists before

beginning construction on any housing development. Children frequently walk and bike to school at A2 STEAM at Northside along this road. Cars routinely travel at 40 mph on this stretch of Pontiac Trail. The proposed intersection for this housing project is hidden just behind a crest on Pontiac Trail making this a very dangerous intersection. I would recommend that traffic calming measures be instituted PRIOR to the construction of the proposed intersection.

**Karen Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19pm 07-16-18

I strongly oppose this development on the grounds that it does not meet the master plan developed by the city in cooperation with citizens of this community. The planning commission conceded that the developer is utilizing a loophole in existing zoning laws to push through a development that the zoning was never intended to support. Placing a community of over 700 18-22 year old college students within shouting distance of an established neighborhood will be cause for multiple nuisance calls to city officials. My own home, built within 20 feet of the property line, will end up being within 50 feet of one of these cottages. The neighborhood requested meetings with the developers on multiple occasions and were ignored until the planning commission voted no. Then the developers came through with far too little concessions, far too late in the cycle. Another concern I personally have is the drainage - routing the entire development into the small drainage ditch at the end of Skydale Dr.

**Ken Garber**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 07-16-18

A driver must be able to see far enough ahead to avoid collisions. AASHTO standards exist for new driveways, so approaching drivers have time to react to exiting vehicles. The minimum sight distance required is a function of driving speed. Northbound drivers on Pontiac Trail must crest a steep hill before spotting the Cottages entrance. They then have 368 feet to avoid hitting drivers turning left there. The developer's traffic impact study concludes that's enough space, but barely--the minimum sight distance is 335 feet. However, the study assumes that vehicles are at the 30mph speed limit. 2015 SEMCOG speed data for that stretch of Pontiac Trail show the average vehicle moving at 45mph, not 30. Since kinetic energy is proportional to the square of speed, that difference brings the minimum sight distance for the driveway to 500 feet, much more than the 368 feet available to drivers to stop there in time. Therefore the current Cottages entrance will be the site of many future crashes.

**R. A.**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:47pm 07-14-18

I believe the greatest disservice here is to the unsuspecting student residents and their parents. They will not be aware of how tenaciously the Skydale neighbors will use any legal means to prevent overflow parking, nuisance and unsafe behaviors from affecting their environment (including as is their right to use seeclickfix, costing the city Community Standards hours and overutilizing police and emergency vehicles). They will trust that the shuttle will perform like clockwork, despite Michigan weather and the unreliability of other Trinitas properties' shuttles well documented. In essence: this development WILL most certainly, "cause a public and private nuisance; it WILL have a detrimental effect on public health, safety and welfare." It is reasonable and logical to assume as much. Trinitas knows this; that is why they avoid discussing their operational strategies at every turn. We can do so much better; mixed housing, senior housing etc. Let's not be "penny-wise, pound foolish."

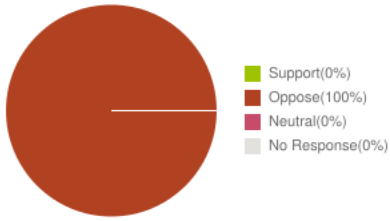
**Renee McPhail**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 07-13-18

I oppose the Barton Green development.

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### **Renee McPhail**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:01pm 07-13-18

I urge the council to oppose the Barton Green proposed development. I live on Pontiac Trail and am swamped every morning and evening rush hour with lines of cars, idling, waiting to get on or off of Barton. This neighborhood and the streets within it were not planned for such a large influx of traffic. It is difficult now. Adding another 500 cars is irresponsible and dangerous to the residents.