

October 7, 2019

Ann Arbor City Council
301 E. Huron Street
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RE: Rezoning of 2857 Packard Road Property

Dear Council Members,

We are writing to urge you to vote “NO” on the proposed Ordinance No. ORD-19-30-Weber Zoning. This proposed project does not fit the neighborhood of current homes and will overload the existing infrastructure. Maintain the current zoning requirements of 7,200 square feet per dwelling. Please listen to your residents and voters and advocate for us.

We have raised our family in a home adjacent to Buhr Park. As long time residents of this neighborhood, we know how burdened the roads, electrical grid, sewers, and storm drains already are. This section of Packard Road west of Platt Road already has bumper-to-bumper traffic in the late afternoons. We lose power approximately three times each year. Our basement has flooded seven times over the past 22 years. A housing development of this size cannot be accommodated on this site.

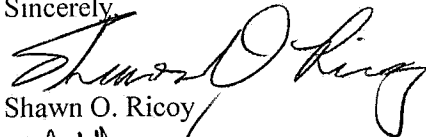
Allen Elementary School, Buhr Park, Mary Beth Doyle Park, and Cobblestone Farm are within 1000 feet of this development. The influx of traffic will endanger school children and other pedestrians and cyclists. Foot and bike traffic is increasing along this stretch of Packard Road. This is a wonderful improvement and should be encouraged.

The proposed development does not address the need for affordable housing. Homes that are “no greater than 2,000 square feet in floor area” will be twice as big as the surrounding ranch homes. With an elementary school, three parks, and a library all within walking distance, this neighborhood needs more starter homes. The proposed two-story homes do not belong in this neighborhood and would only drive up housing costs. Preserve this neighborhood for its current and future families.

Please save the 200+ trees that are namesake of our city. The Council has already determined that this plan doesn’t “meet the requirement to limit disturbance of natural features to the minimum necessary to allow a reasonable use of the land” and doesn’t “comply with the city’s master plan recommendation to protect natural features.” This is neither “arbitrary, capricious”, nor “unreasonable”, as claimed by Peters Building and Robert Weber.

As long time residents, property owners, taxpayers, and voters, we urge you to vote “NO” on the proposed Ordinance No. ORD-19-30-Weber Zoning.

Sincerely,



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