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Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the proposed zone change of the south half of lot 4R and lots 5 and 6 of Laws Subdivision. This property is across from my residence at 605 Dakota Dr and I totally oppose this zoning change.

I will list my reasons why;

First, Dakota Dr. is a narrow street and already congested, greatly so at the rush hours. Kids come zooming out of McDonalds and roar down Dakota Dr. at the peril of any pedestrians.

Second, the air pollution will be unbearable with the added traffic. I came here from Southern California to avoid this kind of smog.

Third, the lot is small for a commercial business, small for an adequate parking lot. Already, parking is prohibited on the west side of the street.

Fourth, if the zoning changes there will be other business's wanting to follow suit all along that side of the street, causing Dakota Dr. to turn into a main street.

Last, but not least, the value of the properties on Dakota Dr. will decline. If so, will our property taxes also decline?

I fear they would instead rise when the street has to be widened and side walks added due to heavy traffic flow, the loss of the park area to the residence on the street. Taxes on Dakota Dr. would go up and resale value and quality of life for the residence would go down.

I hope you will take all of these facts into consideration and refuse the proposed zone change.

Sincerely,

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