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Vicki Fischer
Planning Department
City of Rapid City
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: Rezone of Property - File No. 01R2004

Dear Ms. Fischer:

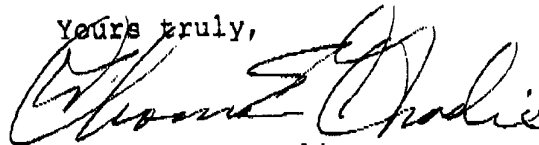
This letter is to voice my objection to the request by David Howard to rezone Lots 12 and 13 of Block 4 of Denman's Subdivision located at 209 East St. Joseph Street from general commercial district to high density residential district.

I bought my office building with the expectation that it will remain part of a general commercial district and that more businesses would be located in this area as older residential structures in the area are replaced.

Further I am objecting to the rezone as it would affect the land values of my building to have a business next door to old run down rentals or dilapidated residential structures. The intermingling of business buildings among run down houses will do nothing to attract people to my business nor will it benefit the area or the local tax base.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Thomas E. Graslle

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