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Dear Mr. Marino

Crazy Horse Print & Frame Shop has been in business since 1974. In the past 28 years we have reproduced prints from 3 American Indian artist from the Rapid City area, not to mention the hundreds of Indian artist we buy original art from. This has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into your economy with no help from Rapid City or its government body. The part of my business that I proposed for 502 Crazy Horse would employ 3 to 4 people and would generate at least \$500,000 in revenue to your area not including new tax revenues. These are funds that are not just moved around in your economy but new funds brought into the Rapid City area.

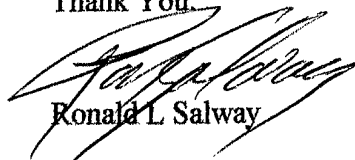
The art gallery we own is a jewel in our business community here in Prairie View. Our building, landscaping, and security is second to none, in fact it's a leader. When our township could not afford to plant flowers on its commuter train property we did it for them free of charge. I personally take offence for you to state that we (an Indian Owned Business) would not be conducive to the area. We would not only be good economically for the people in Sioux Addition but we would also beautify the property in that North Rapid Area.

As for the crime rate in the area, you need to look no further then your police dept. They should be held accountable for the twenty-six incidents and be more vigilant to that area at which time you would see a fall in the crime incidences. To blame an empty well maintained piece of land is ludicrous. Needless to say, any well-run business would always police its own investment, which would help out your police dept.

I have been a landowner in Sioux Addition since the early 60's. When the county refused to fix the potholes in Sioux addition that they made from working on the roads it was me that fought with them for over a year to get them fixed. Winter after winter the county put gravel down but would never pick it up in the spring. It built up in the curb and road so bad that in the summer it was like driving on a gravel road and the dust was harming our health so once again I fought with the county for months until it was cleaned up. It had so much gravel in the curbs that they had to use shovels first before they could use a street sweeper. I tell you this so you know I'm not an outsider who doesn't care about the adjoining residences.

So my question to you is this; "is there another reason you don't want me to build something that would help the Indian people of Rapid City and add value to that area"? If there were no other reason then I would really appreciate your help in this rezoning matter.

Thank You

  
Ronald L. Salway

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