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Dear council person:

I have a request.

Please drive or walk to Ohio Boulevard and park your car in the median at Adams and Ohio.

Observe the Boulevard for 30 minutes. Walk or run or ride on the boulevard. Imagine the proposed development during construction and the changing landscape.

Then tell me that:

3-5 years of construction, felling the stately trees, clearing all the land, working dirty and dusty lots, creating excess noise and light, dump trucks, gravel and cement mixers, won't impact the environment and residential quality of life in Edgewood Grove and along Ohio Boulevard. It will.

Tell me that 2066 more vehicular trips a day, one way in and one way out, will not affect the boulevard and surrounding traffic areas adversely. They will.

Tell me that 94 houses packed in between Brown and Adams will reflect the profile and density of the current residences. They will not.

Tell me that eleven 3 story buildings camouflaged by intentional landscaping, and separated from the surrounding neighborhood will be an integral part of the residential and environmental profile. They will not. The apartment complex will be its own societal microcosm; private to those who live there, but impacting those in the neighborhood.

Tell me that groups of people and organizations will continue to gather on Ohio for rallies, races, walks and runs, etc.... especially when the Boulevard is usually closed to accommodate these events, but will no longer be able to be closed due to new traffic demands. They will

not.

Tell me that Ohio Boulevard is not the most beautiful, prime real estate in the heart of Terre haute and its status is being threatened by a risk of a "Build it and they will come" mentality. It is.

Tell me that the very attributes that make the Boulevard great, won't be destroyed if this development goes forward.. They will.

Tell me there are no other places this development can be located, such as Fruitridge Ave, Highway 46, Fruitridge and Margaret There are.

Tell me that 5.5 million dollars isn't a cheap price to sell out the most prime real estate in Terre Haute. It is.

Tell me that taking remedial actions of narrowing street lanes, adjusting intersections, adding lights, etc... doesn't require "fixing something that isn't broken" . It does

Tell me that Ohio Boulevard won't lose the charm and gravitas that attracts thousands of people yearly. It will.

PLEASE... take the time to experience the boulevard like we do on a daily basis.

If you must develop this land, then build HOUSES from Brown to Fruitridge. \$350,000 to \$400,000 plus homes... beautiful homes. Homes with larger lots, graceful streets. Homes that are in harmony with the existing boulevard profile. Homes that are owned and create a pride of ownership that will continue to maintain and enrich the boulevard for years to come. Home owners have been and are good stewards of the boulevard and have a vested interest in their environment. Do not REZONE this residential area. It was meant for residential development... not commercial.

Respectfully,

Susan I. Beeson

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