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Good Morning Michelle,

I have been trying to email the city council members in regards to the Ohio Boulevard project. Several have repeatedly bounced back (James Chalos, Todd Nation, Kandace Hinton, and George Azar). Can you please assist me with this issue?

If you are able to get it to them,

I would like to send them the following:

To all that it concerns,

I am writing on behalf of many people in the community who do not want high-density apartment units built on the property at Ohio Boulevard and Deming Park. We are aware that the land is privately owned and that the owner of the property can choose how to develop it to some extent. However, the city does have a say in the zoning of the property. We believe the zoning should remain residential 1 (single family homes) and we are asking that you do not rezone this property for multi-family dwellings.

We all share this community and we have an investment in how, where, and why things are developed. I know that everyone of us ultimately wants what is best for the community of Terre Haute. We all want a thriving workforce, safe homes, leisure spaces for people and families to enjoy, clean air and clean water, and beautiful pedestrian green spaces. We want to have nice things and be able to be proud to share our community with others. We also recognize there are many working parts that go into creating a community like this.

As a lifelong resident of Terre Haute, I know that we, thankfully, have some beautiful spaces in our community that benefit us all. The Ohio Boulevard and Deming Park area is one of the nicest and most beautiful green spaces that we have in this community. The Ohio Boulevard is on the National Historic Registry and scenically leads, like a promenade, into one of our most beautiful parks. This space is used and enjoyed by the vast majority of our community daily, from dog walking, to bike riding, to family picnics, to community events and more. Having that area in our community greatly improves our quality of life. We all know that quality of life factors immensely into recruiting and retaining a strong workforce in a community.

Re-zoning that area for multi-family dwellings is sure to bring about a multitude of problems. Things such as traffic, pollution, school availability, pedestrian safety, and much more are,

hopefully, being thoroughly considered as you are looking at this zoning issue.

It has been both said and implied, in many ways, that the community should be grateful for this opportunity of apartment buildings on that lot because "it could be worse" (i.e. section 8 or low-income housing). It really is a disservice to the people of the community to suggest that it is one extreme or the other. I truly believe that all those who want the best for our community could find some middle ground and build unique and interesting single-family homes that are equivalent to the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. To suggest otherwise is simply uncreative. Furthermore, there are so many blighted areas of our community that would absolutely welcome such a development as what is being considered on Ohio Boulevard.

Modern city planning should be thoughtful of green spaces, pedestrian areas, quality of life issues, historic neighborhoods, and what is already existing in the areas that are being developed. This proposed plan of apartment buildings is considerate of none of these.

Ultimately, it comes down to whether or not we are going to be good stewards of our community. How are we going to leave it for future generations? What spaces are we going to pass on? My hope is a shared vision for the future of our community that leaves the historic Ohio Boulevard and our shared community green spaces and parks clean, intact, safe, and accessible to all. Please vote not to rezone this property so that future generations can continue to enjoy it as much as we have had the opportunity to do.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter,

Amanda Shook Baker