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Dear Terre Haute City Council Members and Mayor Sakbun,

There are now 800 citizens who have signed this electronic petition indicating their opposition to the current development plans for Ohio Blvd near Deming Park.

We recognize the importance and significance to Terre Haute of the area surrounding Deming Park and in particular Ohio Blvd. Ohio Blvd is a jewel in our community and it contributes to the attraction of new businesses and new citizens to our community. We strongly oppose the development of apartments on the tract of land bordered by Ohio Blvd., Brown Avenue and Fruitridge.

The density as proposed, 93 homes in half the space and 176 apartments in the remaining space, does not seem practical, nor acceptable. We would like to see lot sizes that, at the very minimum, are comparable to the lot sizes and green space found in Edgewood Grove. With plenty of green space, grass and trees. The developer might also consider making the houses along Ohio Blvd more like the other houses found along Ohio Blvd. Ohio Blvd and Edgewood Grove, both offer a diversity in home design, which we would also like the developer to consider in any future proposal. We are not opposed to very nice houses with less density and more green space. Our preference would be more along the lines of 100 very nice houses in the total proposed area of development with unique designs and plenty of green space in between.

* The construction of apartments will diminish the value and quality of the Ohio Boulevard-Deming Park Historical District - a community asset.

* Over population will exacerbate existing traffic problems in the area. The area serves as a significant recreational area for walking, running, and biking.

* Home values will decline with the currently proposed density and increased traffic.

* It boils down to a fundamental question of what we value as a community and a neighborhood.

* Any development needs to mirror the character of the surrounding area, which currently means home ownership.

* We do not wish to experience what other areas in Terre Haute have experienced, or are experiencing, as a result of the apartment complexes that were placed next door to them. Our understanding is an apartment complex resulted in a decrease in property values and an increase in traffic, burglaries and thefts, an increase in noise, and a litter/trash problem.

* Renters simply do not demonstrate the same behavior in caring for property, as is demonstrated by homeowners.

Please do not rezone this location for apartments and we hope the developer will consider our proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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