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To: 4100condoshoa@gmail.com; Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Mirtha Becerra <MBecerra@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Jordan Hess <JHess@ci.missoula.mt.us>
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Hello,

My name is Marcus Johnson and I am a condo owner at the 4100 Mullan condos. I have been living in the condos for the last 3 years prior to the recent apartment additions along Mullan. I chose this area as it seemed an up and coming neighborhood. It was clean, friendly, safe, and had great access to local amenities. Buying a condo here seemed like a good investment. Since the development of apartment buildings in the area the neighborhood is no longer safe. There are police calls weekly and recently I observed a full scale drug raid on an apartment down the street. I know the details of the raid because I know one of the officers involved, who filled me in and it was a major raid. I was also the victim of the break-ins that occurred this past January, in which multiple units were broken into. I had over \$17,000 worth of goods stolen out of my garage, which I am still in the process of replacing. The fear of this happening again has cause me major anxiety and sleepless nights. As a disabled combat veteran of the war in Iraq, I no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. After the break-ins I did not sleep for four days. Two nights after the break-in, I heard a sound out of my window at 3am. I went outside with my bat to investigate, as I was already on edge. I observed two young individuals running down the lines of parked cars trying door handles looking for an easy theft. I chased these individuals into the neighboring apartment complex where I lost track of them.

The reason I am telling you this story is to describe, what I believe is a growing trend of crime in our neighborhood due to the addition of cheap housing and the sort of crowd that has attracted. The neighborhood is no longer clean, it is no longer safe, it is no longer a good investment as home inflation rates are not keeping in pace with general Missoula growth. Crime rates have increased and the neighboring streets are now jam packed with overflow parking. It is no longer safe for children to play and for people to walk there dogs in the neighborhood due to cars zooming through, using the streets as a bypass for North Reserve to Mullan Rd. This is all due to over-development and increasing the neighborhood population to a level that is not sustainable. I do understand that the area to the west between Mullan Rd and Flynn Ln is going to be developed one way or another. My concern is that the addition of multi-family dwellings, apartments, and large scale buildings will only worsen the situation described above.

Attached is my petition for the re-zoning of this area. I look forward to hearing more from you about the future of our neighborhood and seeing you at the forthcoming counsel meetings.

Sincerely,

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