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Dear City Council Members, I have really appreciated the opportunity to zoom with some of you. Your thoughtful questions and respectful patience with our naivety in this process has been great. Before you go into deliberation, I would like to leave a few thoughts with you. It seems to me that the "letter of the law" is being observed in this situation while perhaps thoughtful long-term, holistic planning is taking a backseat to the urgency to infill the area.

Adding more and more traffic to an already woefully inadequate road system that is not scheduled for improvement for 6-15 years will create serious safety issues. I feel that working on a way to fast-track River Road improvements is a more foresighted alternative.

In the immediate area of the proposed development, we have a 30 unit mobile home park, a multiple use school bus stop, and a busy city park. All this with very little in the way of sidewalks, curbs and boulevards. What we do have is snow piles, mud, and ice. Kids and elderly neighbors have to try to navigate this while dodging traffic. Criteria for Rezone Requests #3, 4, and 6 are clearly not being met.

The near misses we all have witnessed are fodder for nightmares.

It seems to me that you have a choice between doing the expedient thing or the right thing in the way of planning for this area.

I know you are thoughtful, well intentioned people. I urge you to vote no on this proposed development.

Thank you for your service to the community and your careful consideration.

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