Barbara Fryer

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Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:38 AM

To: Barbara Fryer

Subject: Concerns regarding ZC-01-23

Hello Ms. Fryer,

I am writing because I reside at 420 NW 336th Avenue in Hillsboro and am concerned about the effects that the proposed rezoning at the end of our street will create. Although we live at the very end of the street (down by the RR tracks which is a dead end), we see on a daily basis how the narrow entrance to our street affects traffic flow. I would like to highlight a couple of examples of this for you.

One of my biggest concerns is the children on our street and their travel to the bus stop each morning. You are most likely aware that we do not have sidewalks on our street. You might think that since our street doesn't have that many houses on it, we don't have a big traffic issue, but actually that isn't the case. In the mornings, many cars are both leaving our street and coming into our street. There have been many times that I could not exit our street because the children were waiting for the bus and there was simply not enough space for me to exit and someone else to enter without risk of a child being struck by a vehicle. Our street is narrow. If both cars are not as far over as they can possibly get, there isn't room to pass. Add children or pedestrians to the mix and we have a big issue. Adding multiple homes near the entrance of this street is going to prove disastrous to our already scary problem.

With that being said, we have a constant problem with a car at the end of the street, waiting to pull out onto the main road, and another car coming that needs to turn in. Sometimes there just simply isn't space as I said above. I have had many times where I have had to stop on TV Hwy and wait for the person on my street to get a chance to exit and have almost been rear-ended by the traffic behind me that is going at least 45 mph and are not liking the stoppage. Delivery trucks on our street make it impossible to exit and enter at the same time as they are either entering or exiting. Adding more congestion to the opening of our street by building multiple dwellings there will increase this problem.

We already have a big issue with congestion at the end of our street as I have noted above. With the increase in traffic on TV Hwy, the fact that we live across from Coastal Farm and Ranch, and the speed at which people travel, we have a constant cause for concern.

Another big concern is the fact that our street does not have any on-street parking areas. Putting multiple homes on that small site is going to create issues of where the residents and guests of those homes are going to park. On this street, unless the homeowner has carved out a spot on their own land, they do not have additional parking available for themselves and guests. When we have guests, we coordinate with our neighbors to give our guests a place to park. At the entrance of the street, that is simply not an option. There is no way that you can add any street parking there that won't interfere with the already congested entry/exit to our street as I outlined above.

I would like to implore to you that the reason people move to this street, as we did five years ago, is to reside in a quiet, well maintained, "older" feeling area. The homes on this street are all well established and the residents love the feeling that our little street creates. A housing situation such as what is proposed is not compatible with what already exists on this street and has existed for some time. We fully expected someone to buy that lot and build a home on it, one home, that would fit with our street and we would welcome that. We are a little community on this street. We have a spreadsheet distributed to all the residents with the contact information for each resident on it. We wave to each other as we pass by, we stop and say hello, we help each other when times are tough, and if we see an emergency vehicle on our street, we are there to check on them. Please don't disrupt our community by adding this high density housing to our street.

We are not in favor of allowing the re-zoning of this lot. With all of the lots around it zoned differently, it does not seem to make sense to us to allow this change. Progress is a great thing, but at the expense of the people who are already there and not when it brings with it significant safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration in reading our concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew and Michelle Taylor

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