#### **Endira Madraveren**

From: Aubrey Hale

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 8:13 AM

**To:** Endira Madraveren

**Cc:** Jeff Shrum

**Subject:** FW: Opposition to the Addition of Apartment Buildings on SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd.

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### **Aubrey Hale**

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Mr. Hale,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed addition of apartment buildings on the corner of SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. in our community. I believe that this development would have a detrimental impact on our neighborhood and should not be approved for the following reasons:

1. Increased Traffic Congestion: The addition of apartment buildings will undoubtedly lead to a significant increase in traffic in the area. SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. are already heavily congested during peak hours, and adding more residents to the vicinity would exacerbate the problem, potentially leading to safety concerns and reduced quality of life for current residents.

- 2. Strain on Local Infrastructure: Our community's infrastructure, including schools, parks, and utilities, may not be adequately prepared to accommodate the influx of new residents. This could result in overcrowded schools, overburdened parks, and strained public services, ultimately diminishing the quality of life for all residents.
- 3. Impact on Property Values: The construction of apartment buildings could potentially lower property values in the surrounding area. Homeowners have invested in our community with the expectation of maintaining or increasing property values over time. This development could undermine that investment.
- 4. Preservation of Green Space: The proposed development would likely require the removal of green spaces and trees in the area. It is essential to protect and preserve these natural elements, as they contribute to the aesthetic appeal and environmental health of our neighborhood.
- 5. Community Voice: I urge you to consider the concerns and objections of the residents who call this neighborhood home. Our voices should be heard and taken into account when making decisions that impact our community.

I respectfully request that you deny the proposal for apartment buildings on the corner of SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. and instead explore alternatives that align with the character and needs of our neighborhood. I have attached the signatures of some of my neighbors who also request you deny this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make the decision that is in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

**Robin Andrews** 

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