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Rough Tally of Nature of Feedback within Email Thread entitled Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood (Aug. 19 - Aug. 22, 2013)

Responders Critical of Developers' Proposed Plans (see attached emails)

Hiliary Dyer
Robin Heart Shepperd
Patricia Fiske
Geoff Harter
Beth Brannon
Marci Roberts
Brian King
Dona Williamson
Steve Lacker

J. Redagain

Late Backup

Note: There were at least 3 responders favorable to Developers' Proposed Plans, including Andrea Smith & Dr. Greg Frebourg, Cullen Hanks, Andy McCasland

There were also at least 3 fairly neutral responses.

Subi:

ISLNA! Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/19/2013 10:53:18 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Hello Fellow Members of the SLNA:

My name is Claudia Cuchia, my husband, Johnny, & I are members of SLNA. Johnny and I own property at 3504 Clawson Road and we are in the process of purchasing the property located at 3903 Clawson Road. We have been trying for several months to get the zoning changed at 3903 & 3907 Clawson Road so we can do a joint development with the owner of 3907 Clawson Road.

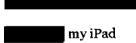
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If you would like additional information on the zoning cases or the planned development of these two lots please feel free to call me for more information. We need your support for this zoning change so we can make these positive changes to the neighborhood. Please reply to this message if you are willing to support our zoning change.

Thanks very much for you time,

## Claudia

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RECENT ACTIVITY:

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+REMEMBER, Hitting REPLY will go just to the author, REPLY ALL will send your response to all SLNA group Tuesday, August 20, 2013 AOL: JRT3308

Subj: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood
8/20/2013 7:26:11 A.M. Central Daylight Time
To:
Hi Claudia.

Thanks for reaching out to the neighborhood about your project. When I bought my home in SLNA, I made an investment in a single-family home, in a single-family neighborhood with the expectation that the zoning would remain consistent throughout the years. After all, isn't that the purpose of zoning? Many, many of us chose to live in SLNA with that same mindset, and have put our life's savings into our homes, our biggest investment. Now we see developer after developer come into our neighborhood with the purpose of tearing down old homes and building dense condos, all with the expectation of a zoning change so they can increase the number of units, and make more and more money. I have no problem with someone, especially a SLNA owner and resident, doing whatever they want with their property within the current zoning, and if they make gobs of money in the process, more power to them. But we constantly hear developers say, without even the slightest hint of irony, "but if I don't get the zoning change, I can't make any money!" It sounds like a teenager buying a fancy car and saying, "but I can't make the payments!" Obviously, they shouldn't buy the property then, should they?

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Thanks, Hilary

From: Claudia

To: "SouthLamarNA@yahoogroups.com" | Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:51 PM

Subject: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

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ISLNA1 Re: Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 10:51:56 A.M. Central Daylight Time

From: To:

Fellow neighbors, I have known Claudia and Johnny for several years now and have seen and in fact leased properties they have built.

Gold Key Builders is a local builder who invests where they live. The properties Johnny has built are beautiful, and well maintained with attention to natural aesthetics. He personally maintains his commercial properties, both of which are on S. Lamar. (Although one of the commercial sites was torn down to make way for a gargantuan apartment complex). :(

I also have friends who recently purchased a duplex-condo, on the north side, from Johnny and Claudia, and they love the property. I am sure if you asked Johnny for references, you too would understand the value these properties can bring to a neighborhood.

We look forward to adding the new and beautiful garden homes they have proposed near my house on Clawson. Contact either Claudia or Johnny if you have any questions about this great addition to our neighborhood.

Cheers!

Andrea Smith & Dr. Greg Frebourg Clawson Rd

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+REMEMBER Please CHANGE THE SUBJECT LINE of your email every time you post. Reflect what you just posted, not the previous post! It is actually best to start a NEW email rather than a Reply. This avoids reposting a previous email and creates a new Subject line.

Visit <a href="http://www.southlamar.org">http://www.southlamar.org</a> for more neighborhood resources!

\*Opinions expressed here are those of the individual making the post, not of the SLNA.

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Sent from my iPad

On Aug 20, 2013, at 9:54 AM, Robin Heart Shepperd < week wrote:

Hello Claudia,

Perhaps you don't understand that every new builder is required to add a sidewalk and to not cut down all the trees. I fail to see how those of us who might support your project makes that any different. I see that your address is in the 78758 zone, so just because you own the lots and you have joined the SLNA doesn't mean that you live in our neighborhood or care about the challenges we are having with packing more and more residents into our neighborhood. Clawson is already a dangerous road for foot and bicycle riders. Your planned changes will make it more so.

Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 12:17:19 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

5/25/25 | 5 12:17:10

Hilary:

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On Aug 20, 2013, at 7:25 AM, Hilary Dyer

wrote:

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Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood Subi: 8/20/2013 12:30:53 P.M. Central Daylight Time Date: From: Thanks Claudia. This clears it up. Doesn't look like the NA got this one. This is a great area to live in with lots of close amenities. On Tue, 8/20/13, Claudia wrote: Subject: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood To: "Justin Scanio" Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 8:59 AM Justin: Great question, however, where we live now is not as important as where we are going to build our home. It is our intent to live at 3903 Clawson Road. We have several friends that live on Clawson Road and this location is near to both of our office complexes. We love the area, it is near Maudie's and the Green Mesquite, two of our favorite restaurants. We can hardly wait to move into the house currently at 3903. We will live in that house until we can build our new home. I hope that answers your question. Claudia Claudia E. Cuchia, REALTOR GOLD KEY BUILDERS1901 Albury Cove, Unit AAustin, Texas. 78758512.799.0801 -

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wrote:

On Aug 20, 2013, at 8:07 AM, Justin Scanio

[SLNA] Fwd: Emailing: Clawson Patio Homes Proposed Site Plan

Date:

8/20/2013 12:53:42 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Cc:

Resent-From:

Date: August 20, 2013, 12:40:27 PM CDT

Resent-To:

Subject: Re: Emailing: Clawson Patio Homes Proposed Site Plan

Colin - Clawson Road will be our neighborhood. We intend to live in the very project we are building. I moved to south Austin in 1979 (before MoPac existed) and Johnny has lived in Austin since 1962. He attended Baker ele mentary, McCallum High School and UT. He has lived in south Austin most of his life. So we have seen our share of changes in Austin. I know a changing Austin is hard for some people to accept. I know some people want Austin to remain a sleepy little hippy community but the truth is Austin is changing and will continue to change in the future. Our project falls in line with the City planners vision of Austin's future. "Imagine Austin" calls for more people to live closer to downtown for ease of traffic and less fuel consumption. This allows more people to bike to work or catch a bus. It allows people a better quality of life and we agree with their vision.

If you are happy with Clawson Road in its current state, with no sidewalks and no curbs & gutters then you can always oppose any improvements to the neighborhood, however, if you would like sidewalks and such improvements as curbs & gu tters, some new developments must come to Clawson Road otherwise the City of Austin will have no incentive to make improvements to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your response, Claudia

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On Aug 20, 2013, at 9:20 AM, Colin Ratliff

> wrote:

Johnny

Thanks. I'll take a look. I was asking that you share this with the group. A developer/contractor/realty company making personal appeals to a neighborhood that has already seen so much change in such a short period does not go over well. If you want support you'll have to look at things from the neighborhood's perspective and address their concerns. Otherwise, you'll have people coming out of the woodwork to oppose your plans. I'm not one to oppose any and all development.

Subi:

Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 1:28:24 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Claudia, with all due respect, you are using circular logic to make your argument and in doing so, have exactly made my case: the "city required" infrastructure is costing you more money, so you have to add more units beyond what you are currently allowed in order to pay for it. As developers, you knew what infrastructure would be required before you bought the property. Let's be clear, the city is doing what we ask the city to do - make sure that new infill development does not negatively impact the existing homes by requiring the additional infrastructure needed to support new development. I take issue with your inference that the city is making you do this. As a developer this is part of your job, and I would certainly hope you would add the needed infrastructure whether the city required it or not. Having to change zoning so you can add more units than currently allowed just so you can defray your building costs is a hollow argument.

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From: Claudia To: Hilary Dyer

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 12:11 PM

Subject: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

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8/20/2013 1:28:31 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Hilary:

The City is not doing what you asked it to do in this case. The increased cost of the infrastructure is because we are unifying the lots for a more aesthetic and desirable community. Also it allows us to use one driveway approach on Clawson Road instead of two. In addition, Johnny & I will add a detention pond on our lot that is not currently required. That is an tremendous added expense.

When meeting with the City Council members and their staff we were advised by these people that the City does not like flag lots and that is exactly how the land will have to be developed if we don't do a unified project with the owner of 3907 Clawson. This will mean two driveways and separate utilities for each project. The detention pond is not required on our lot. More concrete will be used on the projects because Mr. Chen will have to have his driveway and we will have to have one of our own.

From your response, I understand you don't like change and that you will not be supporting our project on Clawson. I guess we can agree to disagree. Thank you for your response anyway.

See you at the next SLNA meeting.

Claudia

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From: Claudia  Date: August 20, 201  To: Bradley Harringto  Subject: Re: [SLNA	
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On Aug 20, 2013, at 9	203 AM, Bradley Harrington wrote:
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Thanks,	
Justin	
	Tuesday, August 20, 2013 AOL: JRT3308

Subj: Date: From: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

8/20/2013 1:58:48 P.M. Central Daylight Time

Claudia,

Snippiness is not furthering your case among the neighborhood, as people read your emails. Nor is sarcasm. While I was not a part of the circulation of the petition, and have not seen it, I am more inclined to sign it due to your hostile attitude.

As we have all learned, city council rarely has our best interests at heart when they wheel and deal with builders. We, the people that actually live here, cannot help but notice the ever-increasing traffic on Clawson. And if we agree to the changed designation, others will follow. Since I have worked on getting sidewalks here for more than 10 years, I highly doubt that your project is going to favorably change any of the minds of the powers that be.

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Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 2:00:10 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

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Thank you Hilary for being such a wonderful guardian of our community. As you know, for two years we have been battling the effects of the city making an unwise concession to a builder, who flooded our property due to a waiver from the city. I'm sure this person feels justified in asking for this change, but I hope the change is not granted. Peace, Patricia

--- Original Message ----

From: <u>Hilary Dyer</u>

To: Claudia

Cc:

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 12:53 PM

Subject: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

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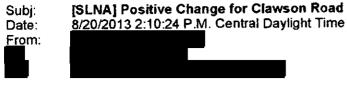
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Geoff:

I'll go one step further, this City is becoming too congested. It appears everyone wants to live in Austin. I can hardly blame them. Also, a lot of these people want to live in 78704. I don't blame them for that either. Johnny and I will be joining the neighborhood shortly. We intend to move into the house at 3903 Clawson while we work on our site plan for 3903 & 3907 Clawson. One of the first buildings we build will be our home. We intend to live in the project we are developing. I love the location as it is close to downtown, the hospital, close to our favorite restaurants and the H2O carwash. Also it is close to our office buildings located at 2003 South Lamar and at 5307 Hwy 290.

In response to your email, and according to City staffers, increased development on Clawson Road is what will bring attention to any deficiencies on Clawson Road. Otherwise the City has NO incentive for improvement. We will be doing our part by adding sidewalks in front of our project. We will also improve the road in front of our project or contribute to a fund for same, the City will make that decision for us.

Our project will be a beautiful and desirable place for families to live, this includes me & my husband.

These lots are going to be developed. The unified plan is just a more attractive plan. Also the unified plan allows for one entrance/exit on to Clawson Road. Having one driveway allows us to have more green space and to save more trees.

Thank you for responding to my email.

Claudia

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On Aug 20, 2013, at 6:58 AM, Geoff Harter wrote:

- > This neighborhood is becoming too congested without the city putting in infrastructure to support it (storm sewers, bike lanes, enough bridge lanes to get all the cars across Town Lake, car lanes wide enough for the increased traffic on roads (very much the case on Clawson since it lacks sidewalks)). Changing zoning will allow more housing which will contribute to this.
- > When developers unite to push the city to build the items above then more density can happen. I realize that you will have sidewalks but what about the rest of narrow Clawson road as more housing and thus cars come?
- > The city originally created zoning for areas of town for a reason. That was deemed how much density that area

Fwd: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 2:19:00 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

From: Claudia

Date: August 20, 2013, 2:15:21 PM CDT

To: Robin Heart Shepperd

Subject: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

## Robin:

That's one of the problems with email communication. People read in emotions that are not intended. I'm sorry if you thought my response was anything but responsive to your email. No "snippiness" was intended. These lots are going to be developed. I believe that our plan will prevail as it is the best plan for the neighborhood.

I'm astonished that you or anyone would sign a petition based on "hurt feelings" and not based on what is best for the community. Please take time to review the plans we have uploaded then look at what flagged lots look like and base your decision on the facts and not emotions.

I think a petition involves property owners within 500 feet of the proposed zoning change.

Claudia E. Cuchia, REALTOR GOLD KEY BUILDERS 1901 Albury Cove, Unit A Austin, Texas. 78758 512.799.0801 - Mobile 512.327.0807 - Office 512.448.3625 - Fax

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 20, 2013, at 1:58 PM, Robin Heart Shepperd

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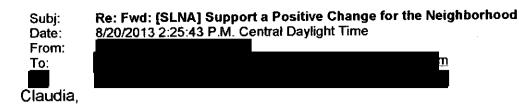
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# Possunt quia posse videntur. ~ Vergil

From: Claudia

To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 2:18 PM

Subject: Fwd: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

From: Claudia

Date: August 20, 2013, 2:15:21 PM CDT

To: Robin Heart Shepperd

Subject: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Robin:

That's one of the problems with email communication. People read in emotions that are not intended. I'm sorry if you thought my response was anything but responsive to your email. No "snippiness" was intended. These lots are going to be developed. I believe that our plan will prevail as it is the best plan for the neighborhood.

Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 2:28:43 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

For what it is worth, the larger of these two lots is going to be developed for higher capacity. The shape does not make sense for a single family dwelling, and preventing her from rezoning will not prevent that lot from being developed; even as SF3.

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Date:
From:

Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

8/20/2013 2:54:16 P.M. Central Daylight Time

I agree that combining the lots is better and will create a better project for everyone involved. What I don't understand is why combining the lots has to involve a change in zoning? Can't the lots be combined and developed with a unified plan that only includes the total number of units that existing zoning allows? Wouldn't that maintain all of the improvements that you are proposing (unified plan, only one driveway, more green space, etc..)?

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Re: Fwd: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Date:

8/20/2013 3:38:46 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

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Thank you for engaging in a discussion.

- Hilary

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 2:52 PM

Subject: Fwd: (SLNA) Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

Please forgive me Cullen for calling you Vince. That is what I get for trying to do two things at once. I was talking to Vince and calling him Cullen and writing a response to your email and calling you Vince. Oh boy..... I think I'll take a break!!

Claudia

Claudia E. Cuchia, REALTOR

Subi: Date: RE: Fwd: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

8/20/2013 5:17:43 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Dear Claudia,

I just wanted to add my support for Hilary's well described position.

It is mine as well.

Marci Roberts

From:

On Behalf Of Hilary

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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 3:39 PM

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Cc: SouthLamarNA@yahoogroups.com

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Jimmy is fast, and must have had an "expediter" while his house was closing He had the corner house down to a slab and "1" door standing. This time it rained some, so it took almost a month to build his new "DREAM HOME". Finished in record time with the weather, it seemed like synchronized swimming, his old dream house closed, his new one was finished and I was being introduced to the new owner and Jimmy was asking for help, to move a heavy couch into the Corner Dream Home! Ahh Peace in the 04, and 2 new MacMansion compared to the late 40 and early 50 houses that are in the Bradshaw Lot. Jimmy and I would be "Neighbors" for ever!

Well 6 months later "the markets to good" my "Neighbor Jimmy" laments, "I have to sell"! Soon he has a buyer. And even has a mover pick up that heavy couch that not a year ago we labored over.

Just like that, in about two and 1/2 years a small home on the corner was turned into 2 MacMansions and "Jimmy" I am going to live in my dream home is gone. don't get me wrong I now have 2 wonderful "full time" neighbors in the wonderfully Large homes.

The moral here is even with the best intentions, people don't always do what the say. I watched it in front of my eyes, and now wonder what if I had fought to preserve what was best for the neighborhood?

Also with the dream of the 3903 and 3907 being built and condos sold what would the plan be for 3504? Ahh yes! a nature buffer for kids!

I hope I did not offend anyone and if my dates where off, it was just a fable.

donnie

# donnie williamson 5126326669 cell

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Subj. Date: From: [SLNA] the fable of 1604 lightsey 8/20/2013 5:21:24 P.M. Central Daylight Time

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Hi all,

Donnie Williamson 24 year resident @1606 lightsey, the only neighbors that are within a stones throw with a longer residency, are Mrs. Rue and Mr. Tom Cantu. I used to be very political and did at one time attend an SLNA meeting. I personally know some of you and I do follow the email threads . So I believe I have a grasp of what might transpire.

First "FABLE"

# fa·ble

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Noun

A short story, typically with animals as characters, conveying a moral.

Verb

Fabricate or invent (an incident, person, or story).

**Synonyms** 

story - legend - tale - myth - fiction

About 10 years ago a nice outgoing gentleman knocked on my door and loudly said "Hi Neighbor!" "I have just moved in on the corner and I want to introduce myself, I am Jimmy!" Jimmy went on to tell me how he buys and sell's house's but now it time to settle down and build his "Dream Home". Well at the time there was not a 1604 Lightsey it was the Attached lot that belonged to the house on Kenny and Lightsey. His dream home (1604) would be the nice buffer of nature that I had just to the east of me.

Within days there where bull dozers and Backhoes clearing the lot. It was summer time and there was a drought on so not a day went by with out construction noise, and because it was before the MacMansion ordinance he was able to occupy almost 80% that wasn't beautiful oaks. Amazingly My new neighbor Jimmy had his New almost 3 story monstrosity right next to me, I kept quiet. We would see each other around town,

Subj: Date: Re: [SLNA] Support a Positive Change for the Neighborhood

8/20/2013 6:25:47 P.M. Central Daylight Time





Hello Claudia, and thank you for bringing this to the broader attention of the neighborhood mailing list!

I most definitely DO support a positive change for the neighborhood. I support renovation, remodeling, and development under conditions that actually, realistically cause a positive change for people who have invested their futures (and in many cases, their past) in living here, as well as the people who will be arriving in the new developments. Just so you know, my wife, daughter, and I have occupied our home since 2001. Before that, the home belonged to my grandmother and grandfather who bought the property and began building in 1940. I spent a great part of my childhood in this neighborhood, I remember when Lightsey and Clawson were un-paved, graded gravel roads, and I've seen a lot of changes- some very bad, but most very positive. My roots here are deep and I intend for my future here to be very long, Lord willing. I don't toss the terms "positive change for the neighborhood" around casually. Things like increased zoning levels are very important decisions and we generally only have ONE chance to get them right for our lifetimes and maybe our kids' lifetimes as well. Zoning applies not only to what you plan, but what a future owner of the property might plan too. It affects the dirt itself, not just the people who own the dirt at the time.

The neighborhood association has a long-standing policy on up-zoning, and I fully support that policy-namely allowing up zoning for improved *layout* of development, but without increasing *entitlement* (that is density, impervious cover, etc.) over what currently exists on said land. This is a reasonable and practical stance and has generally served us well. Part of that longstanding policy is to engage in creative and positive negotiations with those who wish to change zoning and/or develop land in the neighborhood. There are engineers, scientists, environmentalists, and artists in this neighborhood, all of whom can and do contribute to solving real-world problems just like these and willing to offer offer the thought processes they normally get paid for *free* to a developer willing to listen for the betterment of the neighborhood. By and large, this has left a string of happy developers and residents, and only in the cases where a developer tried to break this paradigm has dissatisfaction resulted... for everyone.

Negotiation is by definition two-sided- in return for up zoning, there must be a concession in return. Specifically to your case, I believe that while there are certain advantages that SF-5 and SF-6 bring to the table (better placement of driveways and structures to avoid removing trees, as an example), I would only support such upzoning with restrictive conditional overlays applied at the time of up-zoning. Restrictions of such a C.O. should include but not be limited to placing a limit the density of housing units per acre to the same (or preferably less) than the existing maximum entitled density under SF-3, and allowing no more (preferably less) impervious cover than SF-3. These are the types of concessions that I expect from any developer in order for me to be able to positively support up-zoning for a win-win outcome for everyone. Developers get to develop, the neighborhood gets to maintain the best and most unique aspects of its current character. Density, more than any other factor in my opinion, is the enemy of our whole city today and MUST be limited, because it cannot be undone. It also has huge consequences in terms of traffic (virtually all the new traffic headed toward downtown from your development t will pass within 100 feet of my front bedroom for example), strain on water, electrical, and wastewater infrastructures. If your proposed development were to be done under such a give-and-take negotiation and with codified and enforceable conditional overlays, then YES, I would wholeheartedly support your request!

I have not been a part of the negotiation team on this case, so I speak solely for myself in this E-mail.

-Steve Lacker 1704 Lightsey Road

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