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Subject: Today's Montopolis Zoning Cases

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Aloha Kakahiaka,

I write to add my personal support to the Montopolis voices that have expressed opposition to the SF-3 to SF-6 zoning requests on your agenda today. Our neighborhood spoke in opposition to these upzonings with clarity at the Montopolis Negro School on Juneteenth: we welcome development that is in keeping with the single family history and culture of our neighborhood. These proposed zoning changes are about real estate speculation, plain and simple, and their enactment would adversely impact the integrity of our community by violating what makes and keeps it unique.

Regarding the Missing Middle™ justification floating around in association with these zoning cases, there is a lot I could say, but I'll keep it short: even academia now concedes that in 2020 such neoliberal planning notions only help to perpetuate institutional racism. Our community would best benefit from truly bottom up development that allows families to remain in their homes and grow out of poverty, not by the zealous application of (properly trademarked) religious tomfoolery of dubious sponsorship masquerading as urban planning insight. Stated plainly, there is no "missing middle" justification for these zoning changes. Go apply them in neighborhoods that don't have a 33% poverty rate, or the highest concentration of industrial and commercial zoning of any planning area. Like at the Lions Municipal Golf Course, for instance.

The zoning change requests that have been initiated are:

1. 508 Kemp St.
2. 1013 Montopolis Dr.
3. 107 Montopolis Dr.
3. 200 Montopolis Dr.
4. 6201 Clovis St.
5. 6206 Clovis St.
5. 301 Kemp St.
6. 6328 El Mirando St.

Regards,

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