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Subject: RE: Bridgeport zoning application

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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From: djkint@me.comy [mailto:djkint@me.com]
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Subject: Bridgeport zoning application

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We moved here from Southern California in April 2018. We moved from an area that had been a small town in a mountain pass surrounded by farmland. I was a teacher there for thirty years and then worked for a civil engineering

firms for fifteen. By the time we left most of the farmland was covered with houses, two golf courses, and a shopping center. Traffic became a problem. Emergency vehicles would sometimes take 20 minutes to move through two intersections separated by one short block. It was obvious that city planning for the supporting infrastructure had been inadequate.

I grew up near San Jose, California. What had been a moderate sized city with two universities surrounded by hundreds of acres of orchards or farms became Silicon Valley—wall to wall homes and terrible traffic. All that was left of the orchards were a few street names.

It seems to me that Chapel Hill is following these two bad examples from California. Already, central Chapel Hill is so crowded and parking so difficult we avoid it. Estes is narrow and clogged with traffic routinely. The town has welcomed developments along Homestead and two large developments are planned across from Greenway Landing, where we live. In my observation of Chapel Hill planning I have come to two conclusions:

- 1) planning for infrastructure to support rapid development is inadequate.
- 2) the Town leadership's motto is, "We have never met a developer we didn't like."

It is nice to have homes for folks moving to North Carolina. We are living in one. However, Town leadership should come to the realization that there is a point to slow further development, this point is reached when growth causes unwise, inconvenient congestion. A trip to downtown Chapel Hill illustrates that this area of the Town has already reached that point. Shortly after moving here I was to meet a friend at a downtown restaurant. I could not find a parking space. I finally found one with a computerized parking meter half a mile a way from the restaurant. Parking is such a hassle we stay away from downtown. This should not be.

During the time of meetings regarding the zoning of the Wood's property I wrote to Council member voicing these same concerns, but it seems my words of caution are not being heeded.

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Sent from Jim's iPad