

October 10, 2018

To: Hon. Pam Hemminger, Mayor and Members of Chapel Hill Town Council

Re: Petition to Consider Rezoning of Certain Estes Drive Properties

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members:

As some of you may know, my wife and I own a seven-and-a-half-acre parcel of land along Estes Drive, east of Martin Luther King Boulevard and west of Somerset Drive (PIN 9789-45-5646). The property lies between the fifteen acres recently clear-cut (the Butler property) and the site on the other side of Somerset now being developed as a senior living facility.

About a year ago we requested that the Town explore rezoning this corridor along Estes to make zoning classifications consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Council referred the issue to Planning Staff but to the best of my knowledge, and after several inquiries, no reports or recommendations on the request have been made.

Now, with the imminent closure of the Airport, the pending Estes bike/ped corridor, and a concept plan for the development of the fifteen-acre Butler property reportedly forthcoming, the time to consider this request takes on a much greater urgency.

We believe it is necessary to explore a rezoning of this area of Estes Drive ***comprehensively*** rather than piecemeal in order to ensure that the many issues which will impact the area – particularly traffic flow – will be addressed in a thoughtful, coordinated way.

Therefore, we are again asking the Town to consider rezoning the area to appropriate general or conditional zoning districts, consistent with what's already set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and the Central West Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

Whit Rummel & Christen Campbell