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Subject: RE: Please verify the following before voting on Elliott Road Extension Resolution

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: CHALT [mailto:info@chalt.org]
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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members.

Tonight you are asked to approve a resolution that will empower the Manager to borrow up to \$7,250,000 to construct a road that was first envisioned to cost \$2.6 million that

will continue Elliott Rd across 15-501 through a flood zone to connect up with Ephesus Road.

We ask that you verify the following:

Please review the engineering drawings for this road before you approve the financing. How is the floodway and flood plain to be negotiated, culvert or bridge? What measures will be taken for the road to avoid interfering with the natural drainage of the area? What variances were required from the Department of the Environment? What storm water measures will be required in its construction? What flood period does the design cover? 10 year? 100 year? See image below of proposed road crossing floodway.

Please fully evaluate the impact on the Town's finances/budget/tax rates of adding \$7,250,000 to our debt, particularly considering this period of reduced sales tax revenues, etc. Chapel Hill is already committing to a new parking deck on E. Rosemary Street which will not break even for 20 years. Are we creating a fiscally unsustainable situation that is placing the financial future of the town on shaky ground?

Understand that approving \$7,250,000 debt would appear to be the true intent of the resolution. It seems unlikely that Park Apartment owners will contribute more than the \$1.5 million already offered for affordable housing. You will recall that the Park Apartments housed 200 families in affordable units that we've lost as a result of the 2014 Council approval of the Form Based Code District.

Find out the explanation for why the cost estimate for the road has tripled from \$2.6 to \$7.5 million dollars.

Finally as a community, there are many more worthwhile purposes we can identify - a new police station, flood control basins, additional affordable housing - where we could spend \$7,250,000, other than for this road through a floodway which will not reduce congestion on 15-501, and primarily benefits the developer, not the Town.

Thank you!

Julie McClintock for CHALT

