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To: Councilman La'Shadion Shemwell, District 1, McKinney, TX

Re: Zoning change approval for 3521 James Pitts Drive (from Ag. to Residential)

July 28, 2020

Dear Councilman Shemwell,

Thank You for your service to the City of McKinney, and for your activist endeavors on behalf of the African-American people here in Collin County. I am proud to have you represent our district.

I am writing to you to voice my disapproval of the above-described zoning change.

My objection to the zoning change is that this request is made for the purpose of developing an apartment complex on the subject property, and that the existing road infrastructure in this neighborhood is insufficient to handle the increased road traffic that this development would bring.

If this zoning change is approved, road improvement must be completed before any development takes place. There is already a high volume of traffic on Community Drive (which is adjacent to subject property), and would become a principal thoroughfare for access.

I am opposed, in general, to exponential development growth to Collin County and the City of McKinney. It is estimated that Collin County is expected to have a population of close to 2.5 million people by 2050 (three times the current population), with the majority of the increase due to the influx of people moving here from out of state.

City and municipal leaders of Collin County appear determined to make this population growth a reality, by hosting and fostering massive residential development, and by encouraging corporate/business growth at the expense of existing homeowners (since local taxing entities are giving tax breaks to area businesses, the tax burden falls on the middle class property owners).

I find this exponential growth to be highly irresponsible, because it's going to be damn near impossible to provide basic resources (water) and infrastructure (schools, roads,..) for this many people. I've yet to see any proposals for how city leaders are going to plan and prepare for this unacceptable growth in population.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

W.R. Luster