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Planning commission members,

I am sure you are familiar with the rezoning attempt at this point, and probably have made up your mind. I ask you to PLEASE consider the following information.

We are not opposed to building beautiful 1 story homes on the acre parcels. The now revised plan is 4.81 acres. It is completely surrounded by S-1-1 STORY homes. This area does NOT back up to open space, a mountain, or become a dead end street, this is literally "mid block".

These are recently approved developments being built nearby:

TAYLOR MORRISON-Z-25-19: 29.17 acres 1.47 dwellings per acre ALL 1 story homes- max 24 feet 20% open space 15 feet minimum to property line

STERLING HEIGHTS (K Hovnanian Homes) Z-53-20 15.52 acres S-1 properties only touch on 1 side, with a 33 foot easement on NORTH boundary All 1 story homes on the NORTH side 30% open space Dark Sky Ordinance

Mr Schmilles proposal: 14 homes on 4.81 acres 2.78 homes per acre, average lot size 11,000 feet 2 STORY HOMES - approx. 30 feet high ONLY 5 feet to property line ONLY 6% open space

As you can see, this development wants density that the other 2 don't have. This is such a small area, and once again- SURROUNDED by 1 story, 1 acre lots.

On a personal note, we bought our property on 11/19. The previous owners installed solar panels at the back of our property (2005). The house is run completely on solar. The panels are at ground level. I am sure they never imagined someone being able to build a 2 story home right behind our property. They would always be shaded by a 2 story home, 5 feet away from our property line.

We love living in Phoenix. I consider myself an "urban gardener." I don't want to live in Cave Creek, New River, etc. to have a rural feel. These areas are special, and shouldn't just be concreted over to make every developer happy. Many people seek out larger lots, since developers constantly want postage stamp lots. I don't own horses, but enjoy the rural feel they bring to the neighborhood.

The Phx General plan states this:

• Growth Strategy Mapping Exercises: Identification of three areas within each

village – Areas of Preservation, Areas of Retrofit and Areas of Growth. Why can't this area be an "area of preservation"?

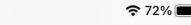
We are in a stage 1 water alert.

The house on the corner was purchased over 20 years ago. He would have never imagined 4 homes backing up to his property, 2 story, and minimal distance between property lines. This is a horrible situation Mr. Schmille has put this owner in.

MR SCHMILLE SUBMITTED DRAWINGS FOR "DESERT DAWN ESTATES" WHICH IS LESS THAN 1 MILE AWAY, AND THE SAME AMOUT OF LAND INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. I HAVE ATTACHED HIS DRAWINGS. HE IS BUILDING 9 HOMES. IF THERE IS TO BE A DISCUSSION, PLEASE CONSIDER THE 9 HOMES, VS. 14.

Decisions should be based on logical and sound analysis rather than personalities, preferences, or property owner. Just because you can, doesn't mean you should...

Thank you for your time, Julie Green 3135 W Dynamite Blvd 480-414-9001



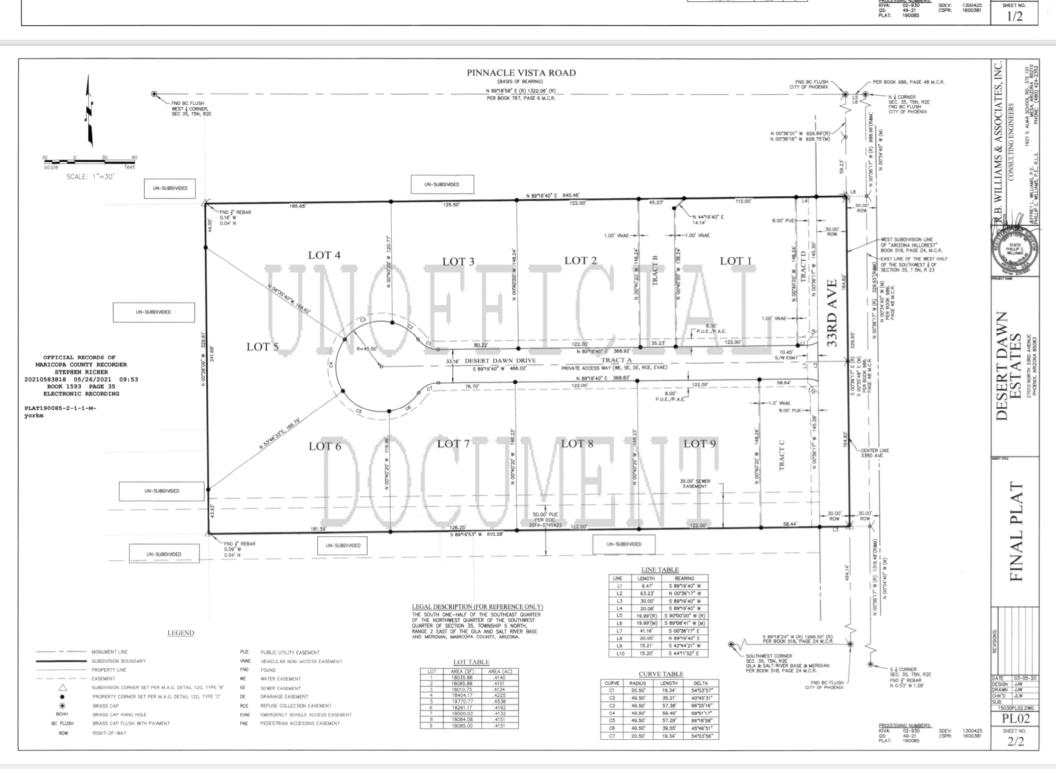
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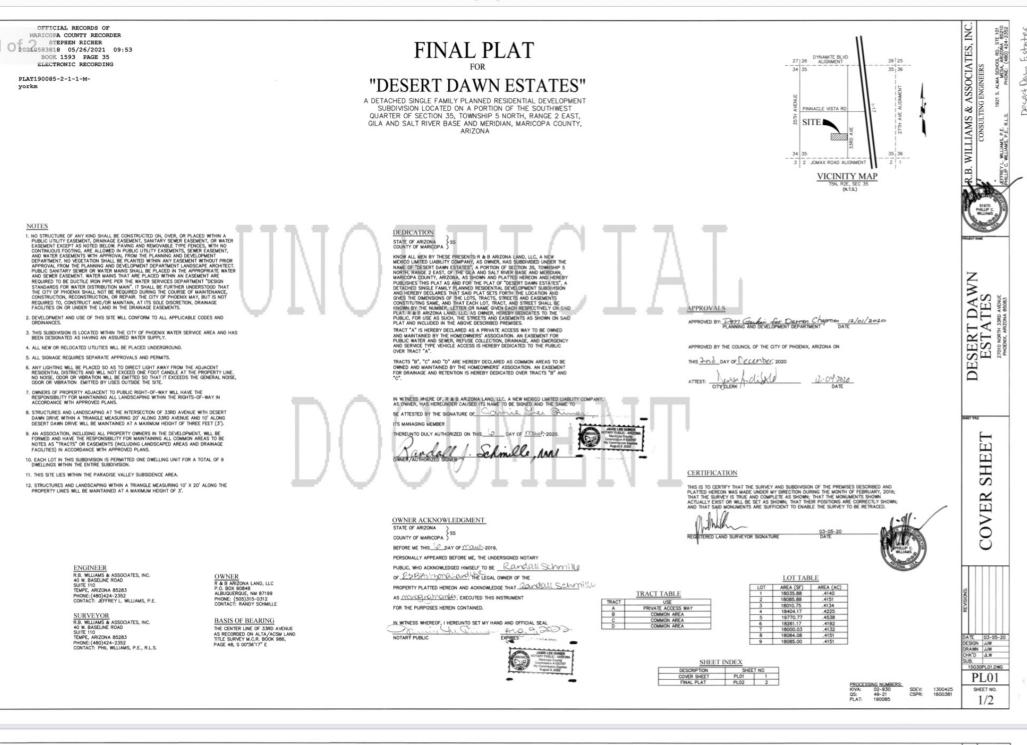
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RE: Z-16-22 APN 205-02-020A and B

Dear City of Phoenix Planning Commission:

I want to go down on record as being **100% opposed** to the proposed zoning change to the property, which is the subject this case number Z-16-22-1. I live on a 2-acre parcel at <u>28036 N. 31st Ave</u> (SWC of Dynamite and 31st Ave) that lies on the NEC of the proposed development. It is my understanding that Mr. Schmille, has amended his original plan that was presented to the Deer Valley Village Planning Committee to reduce his development from 19 residential dwelling units to 14 residential units, and to limit his development to parcels 205-02-020A and B only. The two parcels encompass an area of 4.81 acres.

I do not oppose development to the subject parcels provided the zoning remains S-1 and only one single story dwelling unit per acre is allowed. I oppose the zoning change for the following reasons:

1) I purchased my property 21 years ago in 2001 because of the 1-acre zoning designation and the character of the neighborhood. I have always expected that the adjacent vacant lot would be developed at some point with residences on minimum 1-acre lots as the current S-1 zoning regulation stipulates. Since I moved in, I have put a significant amount of money into the property for improvements. If I had known the zoning would be changed, (and could be done so against the will of the existing neighbors in the area) I would have never purchased property.

2) This is an established S-1 neighborhood. My house was constructed in 1963 ans has been there for nearly 60 years. It is true, the City allowed rezoning of a portion of the neighborhood, and some tract development has been constructed, most of which was during or before 2002. Since then, not many of the vacant properties have been developed, with the exception of several custom homes on minimum 1–acre parcels and the Deem Hill/Taylor Morrison development. Currently, two new tract home developments are being constructed, one property (Desert Dawn Estates) is or was owned by Mr. Schmille. So far, the tract housing development in the neighborhood has been limited primarily to the periphery. The interior of the neighborhood is still composed of S-1 properties, as the attached exhibit shows. This area contains approximately 150 to 200+/- properties of 1-acre or greater with existing single-family homes.

3) Changing the zoning in an established residential neighborhood to a higher density zoning designation is not appropriate, especially when the proposed development is adjacent to existing S-1 properties. Up until recently, the existing tract homes in the neighborhood were located across the streets from the S-1 properties and do not butt up directly on the property lines. A notable exception is the aforementioned Deem Hills residential development. This property is located in the NWC of the neighborhood (see exhibit). This development, when proposed, received extensive

opposition from the area's residents and the City of Phoenix Planning Commission unanimously voted against it. I oppose Mr. Schmille's current proposed development for the same reasons the existing residents had regarding Deem Hills. Unfortunately, the City Council ignored the Planning Commission's recommendation on Deem Hills and approved the rezoning request. The biggest difference between this proposed development and Deem Hills was that the Deem Hills development had a lower density (R1-18) and set a precedent of providing walled buffer zones between it and existing adjacent S-1 properties of 85 to 40 feet.

4) One of the reasons that came up during the Deer Valley Village meeting for why the proposed development was needed was because there is a housing shortage in the Phoenix metro area. Recent research that I have conducted based on viewing the Maricopa County's Assessors website shows that within two miles of 31st Ave. and Dynamite there are currently 14 housing developments currently under construction at this time. The following table attempts to quantify the number of dwelling units that are currently being constructed. The number of apartments and condominiums, of which there are many, could not be determined and are not included. The number of units in Union Park could also not be determined, but I would assume number in the hundreds. The development is extremely large and some phases are constructed. A table showing these developments is shown below.

within 2 miles of Dynamite Bivd. and 31st Ave.				
	LOT			
SUBDIVISION	COUNT/DUs	LOCATION	ZONING	
Stetson Village II Apartments		Happy Valley and 35th Ave	RE-35	
Middle Vistas	228	I-17 and Dixileta	various	
Avilla Canyon (condos or apartments)		I17 and Oberlin	R-3	
17 North	250	I17 and Oberlin	R-3A	
Sterling Vista	57	I17 and Pinnacle Vista	R1-8	
Ascend at Dynamite	260	I17 and Oberlin	R-3A	
I17 and Jomax Apartments		Jomax and I17	R-3A	
Norterra PUD Parcel 21	114	Jomax and 19th Ave.	PUD	
Norterra PUD Parcel 22	156	Jomax and Norterra Pkwy.	PUD	
Norterra PUD Parcel 20	110	Jomax and 19th Ave.	PUD	
Norterra PUD Parcel 19	49	Jomax and 21th Ave.	PUD	
Union Park at Norterra	Huge	Happy Valley and 19th Ave.	PUD	
Desert Dawn Estates	9	Bajada Dr and 33rd ave	R-18	
Summit at Deem Hills	43	Dydnamite and 37th Ave.	R-18	
TOTAL	1,276			

Residential Dwelling Units Currently Under Construction Within 2 miles of Dynamite Blvd, and 31st Ave

Additionally, numerous other residential developments have been constructed recently in the area and may not be fully occupied. These developments are not quantified in the above table. As shown, Mr. Schmille's proposed 14 additional housing units will barely make an impact when compared to the number already under construction. Mr. Schmille's proposal for a zoning change will do little to alleviate the housing shortage and only serves to irritate the existing residents that live adjacent to the subject property for no overriding or valid reason.

5) Based on the Mr. Schmille's revised sketch, 2-story homes are still proposed on the north property line of his property, two of which are directly in a line of sight to my pool and patio. The reason as to why Mr. Schmille needs four 2-story homes as part of his development at the locations he has chosen is suspect at best, especially when he has eliminated all the rest. The vast majority of the tract homes that have been constructed, or are under construction, are single-story dwelling units. An exception are those constructed in Norterra Pointe on the north side of Dynamite. These homes, however, do not overlook any existing S-1 property.

6) **Mr. Schmille's proposed development will lower our property values.** A tract development, like the one proposed, in the middle of a semi-rural area will do nothing for the property values for those that live there already. **Will the City or developer be reimbursing us for the money that each of us in the surrounding area have invested?**

7) **The General Plan is just what it says "GENERAL".** It is a tool to be used by the City for infrastructure planning. Apparently, the City revised the General Plan in 2015. I was never been asked for my input by the City regarding a General Plan amendment in my area. Were others? While Mr. Schmille's proposed development may be consistent with the General Plan as written, there are still a number of overriding factors to be considered as outlined herein. I personally have better things to do than being drawn in to these endless hearings, writing letters and having to fight against someone that wants to come in and change the rules, make a lot money and leave. Trust me, I have plenty of other things to do.

8) I find nothing in the zoning ordinance that states that the S-1 zoning designation is no lesser a zoning designation than any other zoning designation. This statement was made in the previous hearing. I would like to know where in the City's statutes that this statement is written.

9) Regardless of what type of development is constructed, I would expect that development of the property will not inconvenience me in any way and will not cost me any money out-of-pocket to mitigate adverse impacts because of it. The following at a minimum:

- a) Two-story or greater residential units are prohibited.
- b) Removal and replacement of the existing fence between the adjacent properties and Mr. Schmille's with an attractive 8-foot high CMU block wall that does not require painting and extends along my 300'+/- southern property line.

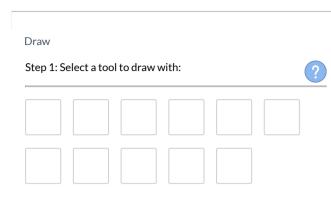
- c) Installation of privacy landscaping consisting of some type of vegetation that is capable of growing up to a minimum 10 to 12 feet in height.
- d) Modification of my existing irrigation system to adequately irrigate the new vegetation.
- e) Any street lighting shall be low level lighting only is required.
- f) Provide all of the labor required for the above-described improvements.

Opposing this proposed zoning change has a huge impact on the current S-1 residents, and battling this proposal has been an incredibly time consuming effort for me and my neighbors that we did not ask for. Again, I have no opposition to a residential project if Mr. Schmille wishes to construct one single-story house per acre as the current S-1 zoning regulation stipulates.

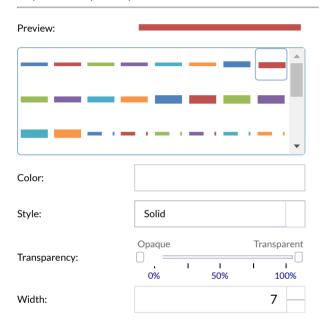
Sincerely,

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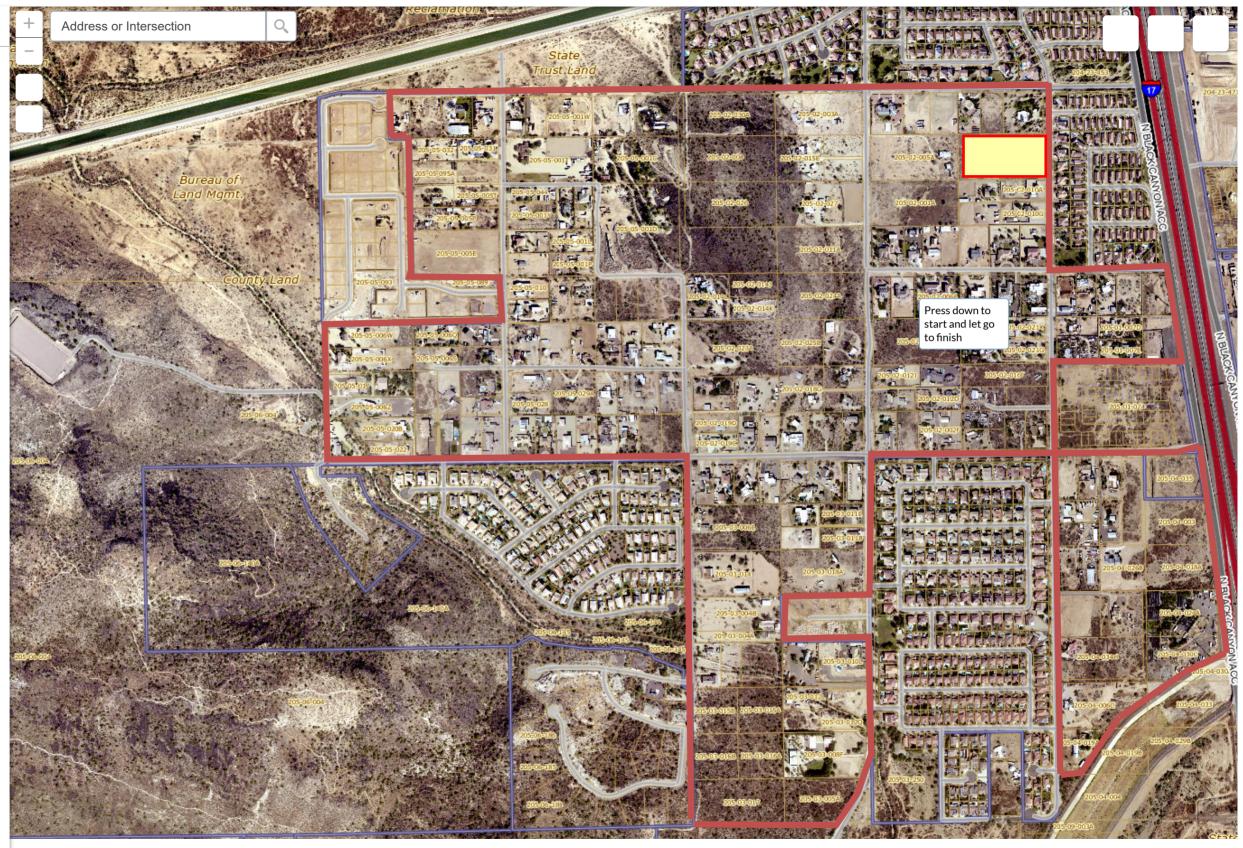
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