To: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, Mayor, and et. al.

From: Perry Smith

Re: Rezoning of 4306 and 4310 East Aggie

**Date: January 03, 2013** 

Most of you are aware that the property in question is bordered with apartments and trailers. No matter what anyone says, it will never be developed with a nice R-1 home. The nicest property that could be put here is what is proposed. We have tried for over two or three years to sell it as residential unsuccessfully.

Please consider the fact that I live in Countrywood across from this area and own property in Ridge Run off of Old Paragould Highway. There were apartments there when I moved into the neighboorhood in 1994. Those apartments have been there since most if not all of the people against this proposal moved into or built in this area. I along with these individuals apparently weren't too concerned when we bought our properties. The apartments have continued to be improved by Mr. Watson. I along with my brother and sister in law and several friends live in this neighborhood and are not concerned in a decline in the value of our homes or an increase in crime. I presented you with letters from a couple of them earlier stating they were not opposed to this.

We all have heard the squeaky wheel gets the grease, but you have all been elected to represent those who are not heard. We have a few squeaky wheels saying they are representing the masses that are not present. There are several thousands who live in this area, and even more in the city who could benefit from a nice duplex.

I am the son in law of the Gossetts. I specifically approached Mr. Watson a little over a year ago to purchase this property because of how he has taken care of his property adjacent to theirs. I knew he would develop a nice well maintained property that would not bring down but improve the area. He has taken his time in working to make sure to develop a nice property using the recommendations of the city planner and other interested parties.

I must ask you to please consider approving this proposal from an unbiased view. Think of what is the best use of this property in the future development and needs of the area and our city.

Thank you,

**Perry Smith**