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Subject: Property on Commerce

I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed rezoning issue for property on Commerce Drive that will come before the council next week. Representatives for our neighborhood will be on hand to speak that night, but I would like to make a few comments. I know your time is valuable, so I will be brief.

#1 Traffic in this neighborhood is getting worse. We are a very sparsely populated area and the infrastructure is lacking. More than 75% of the traffic that comes through this neighborhood is using our area for a shortcut to get to work. We realize that Commerce Drive will be a major arterial road in the future, but we as residents must still deal with the traffic problems until funding for construction is found. We are being told that best estimates put completion of this road at 2018 (7 years away). Some of our homes were the last 75 houses to regain power during the ice storm of 2009 because our infrastructure was so bad. Unfortunately, it hasn't improved.

#2 Jonesboro has an ENORMOUS amount of apartments for rent on any given day. There are at least 36 different advertisements for apartment complexes in the Jonesboro Sun on Sunday of this last weekend. We, as a neighborhood, WOULD LOVE TO SEE MR. REESE DEVELOP THIS INTO A SUBDIVISION WITH SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES. (it is currently zoned to do this) A different local developer has tried to build apartments on Kathleen St in the past and we are all afraid that he will try again if this rezoning passes.

We realize that progress is coming and we welcome new families with open arms. We are just concerned that adding too many apartments too quickly will cause an adverse affect to our area. Mr. Spriggs has expressed the same concern in his report that he provided to all of you. 360 apartments at one time is a lot. Please consider single family homes for our neighborhood. I look forward to hearing from you at the next meeting and THANK YOU for taking the time to read my letter of concerns.

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