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JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL

4-19-2011

Dear Council Member,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal by Robert Reese to request rezoning for 30 acres of apartments at 12 apartments per acre. Due to a conflict in my work schedule, I will be unable to attend the city council meeting on 4-19-2011. I have spoken to the council on several occasions asking the council to consider the existing neighborhood and the negative side effects that high density rental apartments would have for the residents currently living in the area of Commerce Drive.

It is my understanding that Mr. Reese owns a total of 80 acres on Commerce Drive. Undoubtedly, if 30 acres are approved for rezoning by the city council, Mr. Reese will surely return at a later date to ask for rezoning of the remaining 50 acres.

I have spoken to many residents along Commerce Drive. The citizens in this area have expressed their opposition to the rezoning request by signing a petition objecting to the rezoning and construction of high density apartments in the Commerce Drive area.

I am asking the city council to hear the voices of the residents and deny the request for the high density apartments made by Mr. Reese. Residents have expressed to me that conventional housing, unlike apartments, require residents to invest in a neighborhood and take pride in their homes. Northeast Arkansas is known for the slogan "Good Neighbor Region 8". I am asking the city council to remain conscious of this slogan and base decisions on future city growth that will provide new residents with an opportunity to take part of the" American Dream" of home ownership rather than rented housing. Inevitably, the City of Jonesboro and our neighborhood will become the product of decision making by city government. The citizens of our community ask the city council choose carefully.

Respectfully,

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