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Subject: Proposed fairground site

To the Jonesboro City Council:

Again, this message is sent to you because of my vehement disagreement with the proposed site for the fairgrounds. You feel, I am sure, that you have heard all of the arguments against the proposed site that you would like to hear, but we as home owners are obligated to protect our homes, families, earthly possessions against anything that threatens our quality of life. This is exactly what putting the fairgrounds in the location you are proposing is doing to the homeowners---even threatening the future prosperity of our children. I believe you know of where I speak because your properties are very valuable to you and as you have heard it said before, "you would not want an amusement park/fairgrounds in your backyard either." In fact, from what I have gleaned from sources connected with properties in this area, some people do not want the fairgrounds situated next to their FARMLAND even. This is exactly where the fairgrounds should be located; NOT in the same area where children are safely playing in their yards, very nice houses have been built and paid for with the hard earned money of ones who consider their homes to be the largest investment they will ever make in this life. Whether intentional or not, the inclusion of this type property in our neighborhood will devalue our residential interests and very possibly could already be doing this very thing. When prospective property investors are told that this is the proposed site for a fairground, realtors will attest to this devaluation. They have been involved in transactions where this has taken place!

The possible/probable increase in crime has been mentioned and my thoughts went to the reality that our home owners' insurance could very well be increased. Within the last few days, my husband and I have received a survey to be filled out regarding different criteria for our home owners' insurance. We can be assured that our insurance companies find out about any change in the status of the neighborhoods where their policy-holders reside. When there is a plurality of strangers allowed to come into our neighborhood supposedly to attend the fair, what is to keep them from wandering into our yards, thus exposing the residents to unsolicited attention. It is impossible for the full measure of the police force to watch over that many individuals at the same instance all while they are supposed to be working at the fairgrounds!

From the last meeting, I believe there is supposed to be a meeting of the City Council and Fairground committee commencing at the site this p.m. As you will see, there are very nice homes, yards, pleasant surroundings attesting to how much this area means to the homeowners. PLEASE be very attentive when you view our area--I hope including CR 702—and realize that there should not be a fairground located in any residential area. It seems to me that the viewing of the site and surrounding area would have been the first step before taking further action to purchase a property for the fairground! !

Again, I send this letter respectfully asking for your sincere thoughts, equitable judgment, wisdom regarding this site proposal. The homeowners are asking that you put yourselves in our shoes, seriously and see what your decision would be.

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CR 702 homeowner