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From: Brian Hunsicker <brian.hunsicker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 8:41 PM
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: Fwd: Redevelopment at Newport Hills Shopping Center

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Good evening,

I had sent this email to Bellevue City Council, and Councilmember Robertson suggested I send this to you also.

I am extremely worried about the twin outcomes of 1) a loss of neighborhood establishments and 2) the increased traffic such dense housing would bring. Mostly, I worry that Toll Brothers sees only a chance at profit and has no regard for what kind of a mess they would leave behind.

Please, do all that you can to maintain our neighborhood's character while not exacerbating our already-clogged streets.

I am happy to discuss this further; you have my email and my cell number is 703-851-7706.

Thank you,

Brian Hunsicker

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From: Brian Hunsicker <brian.hunsicker@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 14, 2018, 6:08 AM
Subject: Redevelopment at Newport Hills Shopping Center
To: <council@bellevuewa.gov>

Dear Bellevue City Council Members,

I urge you to proceed very cautiously and strongly consider denying Toll Brothers' application for zoning changes and redevelopment of the Newport Hills Shopping Center.

I do not trust that this project puts the community first. As much as Toll Brothers' application claims otherwise, this project adds to the burden of our neighborhood streets; unless you, as City Council, grant them power to enhance the feeder roads that will bear this additional traffic, they are simply adding to the problem.

I have no faith that they will follow through on their efforts to retain our local businesses currently in place. Mustard Seed is a local staple. And Resonate is an absolute hidden jewel. When we moved in last June, I remember finding Resonate and, at the first time we ate there, looking forward to years of memories there. I am terrified this will be taken away. Can Mustard Seed and Resonate afford the rents that Toll Brothers will charge? I sure hope so. If not, a unique characteristic of this neighborhood will disappear. If you don't think that means anything, go to Resonate on a Friday night or to Mustard Seed during a Seahawks game.

In the end, I really just worry that the anchor of our neighborhood will be irretrievably altered for the worse. Once our restaurants are gone, they won't be coming back. Friday nights at Chipotle won't be the same.

For those of you that ran in the fall, a theme of your campaigns seemed to be to let that neighborhoods should be responsible for their own destiny and decisions. This is a chance to put that rhetoric into action. You, above all, have a chance to put the brakes on a project that, I fear, will chase profit with mere lip service to the needs of the surrounding area.

I welcome the chance to speak with you or your staff on this issue. Please feel free to contact me at this email or 703-851-7706.

Thank you for reading, and thank you for what you do for our city.

Sincerely,

Brian Hunsicker
Newport Hills

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From: LAWRENCE COUPE <larsnow479@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:38 PM
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: Rezone of Newprt Hills Shopping Center

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed rezone to allow development of 130 apartment/condo units in the area. This will overload almost everything in the immediate surrounding community including roads, schools, fire and police safety. In addition it would most likely drive out many of the current businesses. Please leave the zoning as is. This is a residential area with a comfortable mix of small business and does not need a gigantic apartment/condo development.

46 year resident

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