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Ms. McGee,

Thanks for letting me know of your concerns regarding Zoning Application Z-32. I am including the zoning manager, county clerk, and the applicant on this email so they are aware of your concerns. Please know I will take them into consideration at our zoning hearing.

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Greetings Commissioner Cupid:

I received a letter from Mr. Balli of Sams, Larkin, Huff & Balli regarding rezoning application of 2727 Lost Mountain Road (Z-32).

As a resident of Steading Road, I am quite dismayed by this application. I have lived on Steading Road for 33 years and while I know progress has to happen, the traffic on Old Lost Mountain has increased significantly over the past several years. I often have a difficult time turning onto Old Lost Mountain from Steading; ditto turning onto New Macland. Also difficult is turning off of Shipp onto Old Lost Mountain, as well as turning off of Moon Road onto Old Lost Mountain – all due to the increase in traffic on Old Lost Mountain. The last thing I want to see are red lights added in that area. I know

nothing will alleviate the traffic on that road at this point (unless people stop using the Waze app, but that's another issue) but adding a large subdivision of 121 homes will only add to the congestion and frustration. This will also affect traffic on the surrounding side streets. As stated above, I live on Steading and the number of cars that use Steading as a cut-through (between New Macland and Old Lost Mountain) has increased dramatically, a lot of which I attribute to navigation apps. I live on the corner at the stop sign and most drivers view the stop sign as merely a suggestion – they never stop and some don't even slow down. And the "No Thru Trucks" sign at each end of the street is completely ignored by tow trucks, furniture delivery trucks, tree cutting trucks, u-haul trucks, landscapers, etc., and I've even seen two semi-tractor trucks (with the trailer) go thru in the past few years. Adding another subdivision just around the corner from Steading will no doubt increase the traffic even more on our residential street, thus making it dangerous for families to walk, kids to ride bikes, joggers, etc., (we do not have sidewalks) not to mention the wear and tear on the road itself.

The traffic at the intersection of New Macland and Macland is horrible. At times, it backs up from the light all the way down past the second entrance to McEachern. This was a poorly-designed intersection in the first place and it's even worse now. This development will undoubtedly add to the amount of traffic in this area as well.

I would also like to say that even tho this is to be a 55+ "senior" community, it really means nothing as far as traffic concerns. I'm beyond 55 and don't consider myself "elderly" and am not confined to my home as a lot of developers insinuate when touting the positives of a "senior" community, i.e. it won't add much traffic. The only thing a 55+ community won't affect are the schools. But I honestly don't know how one would prevent a homeowner from renting their house to someone with kids, thus adding to the school population.

Last but not least is the "goat farm" across the street from where this development is planned. I do not know the people that own it, so I'm not speaking for them, but I have concerns about how all of their animals will be affected by the construction noise. When I'm walking on that sidewalk, I love to stop and see those goats and donkeys and am just concerned about how they would handle the commotion.

I hope you will take these comments into consideration when voting on this development, and vote "no" on the rezoning application, and convince your fellow commissioners to vote "no" as well.

Respectfully,

Judy McGee

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