

Olivia Glantz

From: Lois Gibson <gibsonloisa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:23 AM
To: Olivia Glantz
Subject: SUB-ADJ10-02

Good morning Ms. Glantz,

I am writing to express my concern with the Wren Heights development that is being considered for my neighborhood (SUB-ADJ19-02). Salem Heights is a beautiful street with large lots full of trees, including protected white oaks. We moved here because we loved the natural look of the neighborhood with the tree lined streets and large lots. I am saddened that a development is being considered that could so drastically change that. Removal of such a huge number of trees to be replaced with cookie cutter homes would substantially change the face of our neighborhood. We need to be figuring out ways to save our environment and preserve urban forests, not cut them down. This is the legacy of our grandchildren and needs to be protected.

I am also concerned about the safety issues this development would create. Salem Heights is already a busy thoroughfare, not well suited to the quiet neighborhood. Despite the 25 mile per hour speed limit, traffic often moves faster creating a danger to people and pets walking the neighborhood. This is exacerbated by the fact that there are no sidewalks and in many places there is almost no shoulder. The road is hilly with poor sight lines. Increasing traffic would make that situation far worse. Adding the estimated 345 car trips per day is just not acceptable on this already dangerous street. It would make walking in our beautiful neighborhood, an activity I engage in daily, almost impossible.

I am urging you to reject this proposal and to instead consider options that would protect safety and improve livability for the Salem Heights community. Anything less is a disservice to my family and the other families who have made this neighborhood their home.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

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