

## Olivia Glantz

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**From:** Opiegirl <opiegirl@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Olivia Glantz  
**Subject:** Wren Heights Project

Dear Ms Glantz;

I am writing that letter in reference to the Wren Heights Project, case number SUB-ADJ19-02. My name is Patricia Perry. I have been living at 345 Salem Heights Ave. South for 38 years.

Yesterday while working in the yard. Some deer trotted down my driveway stopping for a drink and checking out the plants. They sometimes rest under the trees. We also have migratory birds who stop by during the year. It's a pleasure to hear them & be able to teach our children & grandchildren about wildlife. The Great Horned Owl who comes every spring and leaves by fall. The Red-tailed Hawk stays in the area all year. We are blessed to hear the song birds. Our City Council years ago passed bills to protect species such as the white oaks & maintain our tree lined streets. It was a policy the residents of Salem agreed with to be protective of the environment. The city became known national because of our trees. If there are so few trees in our area this will tranquil & friendly environment will disappear. This is one of the prime reasons why people want to live here.

Safety has always been a concern of the neighborhood. Signs were posted "Slow Down children in the area." Traffic continued at high sped. Sadly a child was killed. Residents petitioned for the traffic signal at Liberty & Salem Heights. Hence, we have even more traffic driving greater than 25 mph. It's a short cut around major traffic jammed areas. I don't see any signs posted by the city nor have I viewed anyone receiving a ticket for speeding. Pets have been injured &/or killed as a result. I have a difficult time exiting my driveway because of a dip in the road about a block away obscuring the view. Vehicles see you making a turn but they don't slow down any. We have more young families living in the neighborhood. I fear for their safety. Traffic counts are done and consistently the numbers rise. Estimation of the increase is based on one car per family. This is a rare finding in this day and age. The main road from the development onto Salem Heights will increase by 345 car trips per day. I don't understand why the city and developer would add such a significant number of vehicles to an already unsafe street.

As I review the developers plans for the project, I wonder if the City Council has truly assessed other potential issues. This is going to pressure on both the sewage and storm drains. I hope this cost is going to be on the developer not the citizens. These homes are on small lots with little yard space. There are no designated areas for the children to have a playground or basketball court. Parents are not going to allow their children to walk to the area schools on busy streets. Result is that children will play in the streets. I believe this is the most objectionable aspect of the plan. There have been numerous

studies showing that loss of green space has a detrimental effects on both psychologically & socially of peoples lives. I hope the city will reject this plan & continue to work with the developer to protect our safety and preserve the livability of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Pat Perry