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Aaron,

I have concerns and questions regarding the proposed development at Hilfiker and 12th St. First and foremost is the impact on climate change. As per our Mayor, "Salem is committed to protecting our trees as a critical part of our climate change mitigation strategy". With that message in mind, how many trees will be destroyed in the development of this site? Next is the impact on the wildlife in the area. That property has been the home to deer, coyotes, turkeys and numerous other birds. They will be forced from their habitat, have limited options and ultimately will die from lack of resources. Will the street improvements on 12th St and Hilfiker be sufficient to control the influx of traffic from 138 households? Twelfth Street is a dangerous street, people drive too fast on it now. What is the plan to control the speed? How about the lot sizes of each house? How does it measure up to the lot sizes of the existing homes? Does it fit into the existing character of neighborhood? What is going to be done to lessen the impact of this housing development on climate change? I am concerned about water usage, the power grid and the sewer system. Is there a plan in place to encourage the use of solar panels, xeriscaping and other options to reduce water usage? How will the street improvements impact the properties of those living on Hilfiker and 12th St.

These are real concerns that need to be addressed before our neighborhood can support this development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Melissa Rasch