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Mr. Martin,

I would like to formally object to the densely populated family planned development.

My home located at 541 Shirley Place on the corner of Lake Laurie Drive and Shirley Place, is in very close proximity to the property under consideration. I have been a resident of this neighborhood for approximately 30 years and have witnessed firsthand the impact of continued development in this area. Over time, traffic along Cherry Creek Road (Staten Road) has increased significantly. This two-lane road already experiences substantial congestion, particularly since the construction of Sallas Mahone School. Morning and afternoon traffic is routinely backed up and the addition of 87 residential homes would further worsen conditions and hinder traffic flow.

The introduction of a densely populated family housing development is inconsistent with the established character and long-standing vision of our subdivision. This development is building houses with very little buffer between houses. The setbacks meet the bare minimum for the City's requirements, which is not the historic character of the existing Cherry Creek Subdivision.

I made a long-term investment in this community in good faith, and I am concerned that permitting densely populated housing development will negatively impact property values and undermine the quality and cohesion of our neighborhood.

I fully understand that growth and development are inevitable. However, any new construction on this property should align with the existing aesthetic and residential character of the area. Appropriate development would consist of upscale single-family homes on spacious lots, consistent with the original intentions of the subdivision's design and covenants.

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