

November 14, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed development of the former Painted Hills Golf Course. I am a home owner in the Painted Hills neighborhood who has many concerns about this proposed development. I have lived in this area for almost 30 years. My parents raised me in a wonderful neighborhood in Ponderosa. After going to college, getting married, and having a child of my own I then moved back and purchased my own home right in this community because of how great it is. I love the community and neighbors that live here. I love that even though we are close to town there is a sense of living in the country because of how big most lots are, as well as being surrounded by the forest.

The proposed development would greatly impact that country feeling and crowd our neighborhoods. The amount of traffic that would be brought to this area would be an astounding amount. This brings great concern as many people use Madison to walk their dogs and get exercise. Many students walk or ride their bikes to school on these roads. These roads would become very unsafe if this development happens. Not only would they would be unsafe, but the amount of traffic and congestion would become a hazard in cases where these neighborhoods would have to evacuate. I lived through an evacuation due to fire. This was when I was still a child and there were even less homes in this area than now. Even then there was extreme congestion trying to get out of the neighborhoods. People were lined up with whatever they could quickly grab, including animals in trailers and tied to trailers, all lined up trying to get out. I shudder to think what would happen if we cause even more crowding by allowing this massive development to take place.

Not only would this development cause an unsafe environment with traffic and overcrowding, but it would also have an adverse environmental impact on this beautiful rural area. Chester Creek is a vital resource for plants and wildlife in our area. This development would impact Chester Creek. This creek overflows into the proposed developed area. I understand that the developer would do something to manage the flooding in this land. I worry that by them doing this it would end up drying up Chester Creek and/or greatly impacting it. There are a great deal of animals that call this area home and survive on the plants and water that this area provides. Building homes will take away their homes and their resources.

This proposed development would also over crowd our schools even more than they are now. We could not support this *huge growth*. At one public meeting about this development a concerned neighbor asked the developer how he planned to deal with this development causing overcrowding in our schools. His reply was, "well you just passed a bond, you can build more schools." Apparently he does not understand how bonds work and that growth cannot be projected that far. In which the current bond would not support the spike of the amount of students this development would cause to our local school. This response told me this developer does care about the impact the development would have. He also said in this meeting, "well, you can't stop growth!" It is so frustrating and heart breaking that someone wants to come into this community, do something that would have huge and irreversible impacts, and then leave (because he does not live here).

In closing I ask of you to please listen to all of us who live in the area. We are all **strongly** against development of this land. We ask for you to consider the horrible impact it will have on our environment and community. Many of us have lived here for a very long time, in which there is a reason why. **DO NOT ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO HAPPEN.** Give this community the opportunity to help come up with a better solution for this property. I ask you again, please take into consideration all of our concerns.

Sincerely,



Traci Fortune

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