

Comment Letter No. 72

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cc to Council Member Wendy Greuel

Dear Ms Zaitzevsky,

Please preserve the rural character of our remaining hillsides and deny a change in zoning to Whitebird Development Group for the Canyon Hills Project.

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First of all, they knew how the land was zoned when they bought it. Ordinary property owners know how a property is zoned when we purchase it and do not expect special treatment from city planning. (Nor would we receive it!)

Secondly, the developer claims he is preserving the 700 or so acres he will not be building on. The truth is that a great deal of that terrain is unsuitable for development so he is really not "preserving" much. His claim that all the property would be developed if the homes were not concentrated in two areas is mere deception.

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Thirdly, the approximately 200 acres which can be most economically developed are zoned A1 for very light residential and should remain so. He is asking to put over 200 homes where only about 50 are permitted. Most residents of our area are opposed to this and they do not want the city to concede to his demands or threats. The fact that he has the resources to buy access to city hall does not make it right. He has the right to build the maximum number of homes the code permits on the land he owns, like any other property owner.

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And finally, your adherence to the city zoning plan is our best protection against further degradation of the environment and overtaxing of our infrastructure. There is no rule of law when the wealthy and powerful can simply have changed any regulation that they don't wish to abide by. We are so sick of developers getting huge favors because of their well-placed campaign contributions.

In complete seriousness I can say that we are depending on your commitment, as a public servant, to protect our city and the Plan that protects our remaining rural and open areas.

Sincerely,



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