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To Whom It May Concern:

I have several concerns regarding the proposed development in question. Below I will discuss them. For one rezoning and a development of this magnitude is concerning due to the disruption it poses for our quiet area. Second the type of development is concerning to the area. Lastly, I feel things have already not been following the proper protocol.

The property in question is a single-family home in an area zoned estate agricultural. All homes located in or near the area are single family homes. While homes are spread out this is still a community. A community of people who have chosen to live in an area where they can be spread out from neighbors and avoid developed areas. I have personally lived in this area most of my life. I chose to return and build a house on some acreage to raise a family. Rezoning one area opens the door for more rezoning in surrounding properties. If I wanted to live in a developed area I would have moved to a neighborhood. The proposal to bring 22 houses/cabins to 23 acres would constitute a development.

While my home is approximately 1.6 miles away from the proposed development that is an easily walkable distance. I applaud the willingness to help those trying to get their life back on track. However, I do not like the idea of 52 recovering addicts being within a walking distance of my home. This type of development should be placed in an area with the already appropriate zoning or an area that does not already have homes that are within a walking distance from the development.

The CEO of Redeemed Living is said to have a home on 35 acres in the county. Why did he not feel like his own land would be a great location for this development. 35 acres would give the facility even more land to work with. This would also make him readily available should any problems arise in one of the homes or cabins. Maybe he is concerned about the development near his personal home and children??

Furthermore, from a legal standpoint the notice to the community should have been posted for 15 Days before this meeting. The sign was placed on Wednesday. Wednesday to Monday does NOT equal 15 Days, in fact it is not even half. Why the rush?? Is it so no one has the time to object??

Please consider all the concerns of the citizens of this area. Please put yourselves in our positions and really think how you would like this development in the area you live in. Within walking distance of your children or grandchildren. There are other areas that this development could go to avoid already populated areas.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Shana Thomas

