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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE LAWRENCE, KS

Western Hills Rezoning Request Initiation

Our File No.: 31082

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our firm had been contacted by a property owner in the Western Hills subdivision of Lawrence Kansas who is concerned about the future of the neighborhood. We are writing you to request the City Commission initiate rezoning of this neighborhood.

I have included a copy of the Application Form for RS-E rezoning, Sheet A, the county-certified copy of land owners with highlighted names and property description of the residents, as submitted on July 8, 2004 to the Planning Commission. The signatures of property owners/applicants are on file with the City Commission office, which we submitted to the Planning Commission July 8, 2004 for rezoning of the land owned by the property owners.

The existing neighborhood prides itself on large lots, most of which are either one acre or close to one acre in size. Recently, a developer re-platted one of these lots, 1201 Monterey Way, into three separate lots. The property owners are concerned that this replatting will affect the future character of the neighborhood and request that the neighborhood be rezoned from the existing RS-1 to RS-E.

According to the Comprehensive Plan of Horizon 2020, the request by the property owners would be compatible with the desired land use that promotes preservation of intact Residential neighborhoods. In addition, this Request will preserve the land size and restrict excessive destruction of the natural landscape on each lot of the neighborhood of Western Hills!

We have submitted our application for rezoning for the current property owners, and have filed it in time for the August 25, 2004 Planning Commission Meeting, but ask

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that you, the City Commission, consider the initiation to rezone the entire neighborhood to prevent more situations like this one. We also ask that if you decide to initiate our request that you consider reimbursement of the \$275.00 fee that we submitted with our original application.

Very truly yours,

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