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Subject: CASE FILE LU22-159396 AD

Dear Mr. Besley,

I wrote to you previously about the proposed development between Thurman St. and Savier St. In the follow-up communications there was a reference to this development being part of a “commercial corridor.”

I find this alarming as our purchase of a residence at 2743 NW Thurman was based on the desire to live in a residential neighborhood with access to restaurants, shops, parks, etc. We had no intention of living in a commercial corridor!

Does this designation mean that any business application-regardless of scale or function-will be given priority over the needs and character of what is in reality a residential neighborhood? It seems that this project is being given that priority.

The commercial use to this point has been for business with low numbers of clients-a salon, a bike shop, a neighborhood coffee shop, some private studios, an architects office, a spa. The leap from those small businesses to a facility that serves hundreds of customers portends a drastic change of character and impact on the neighborhood environment. There is currently no house, condo, or apartment in the relevant area that faces the scale of business being proposed. The list of appellants attests to the level of concern both for individual safety and comfort and for the loss of the neighborhood character which drew us to this area in the first place.

I fervently hope that you will NOT allow an out-of-scale business to diminish the quality of what really is a “residential corridor.”

Sincerely,
Mark Samuel