

September 20, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to voice a strong opposition to the rezoning of the property located at 4114 Murfreesboro Road in Franklin, TN.

My family and I moved here from the Washington, D.C. metro – an area with the nation's worst traffic and some of the highest costs of living – approximately four years ago. We fell in love with Franklin due to its proximity to Nashville, small town amenities and feel, and some of the friendliest people we'd ever met. We fell in love with a home in Hurstbourne Park that was surrounded by green space, a small neighborhood feel, and views from our home that reach all the way to Williamson Medical. At that time, Franklin's population was just over 65,000 people. I could commute from my home to the Franklin YMCA in less than 10 minutes. People openly talked to each other at parks and in the grocery store line. It was paradise found, remedying our largest concerns from our D.C. lifestyle.

As of this morning's *Time Magazine* article, Franklin is listed as having nearly 80,000 people – a staggering growth in such a short amount of time. As of last October, my commute time to the YMCA had doubled. It's now impossible to cross 65 in less than 10 minutes, thanks to stop lights, increased traffic, and lack of side roads. The city is becoming less friendly and more populated by the month and, in my opinion, losing much of the small-town charm that has earned it so much reverence in the media.

You, the city of Franklin, enacted Envision Franklin to maintain our look and feel and character. However, it seems at every turn, rezonings and commercialization are being approved. Our commutes just within the city are growing longer, and the look and feel – and area's affordability – are changing by the day.

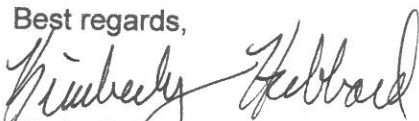
In my back yard, there is a request to change yet another zoning previously respected by the Envision plan – a plan that turns a currently beautiful landscaping company that contributes to east Franklin's calm, peaceful, family-friendly character into a multi-story, multi-residential monstrosity.

The area east of 65 on Murfreesboro Rd. is residential. While I understand the need for commercial – and applaud the accessibility of Cool Springs, I beg of you to keep commercial areas in commercial areas and out of our residential back yards. The proposed rezoning does more than simply change that property: it impacts our traffic congestion, views, and the very feel of the area east of 65. It also potentially opens our neighborhood to connectivity at the neighborhood's busiest bus stop, which impacts our children and makes our neighborhood more vulnerable to through traffic and malintent.

The developer and its legal counsel have been nothing but curt and rude to date, an attitude which clearly reflects a disregard for area residents in the very neighborhood in which they are hoping to intrude.

I understand that Franklin property is valuable and that we are in a time of growth, but I kindly ask that you respect the character of the area, integrity of our neighborhood, and safety of our children. Please vote against this rezoning. I may be a letter from one citizen, but I share the opinion of many. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,


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