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Hello,

I am writing to you with great concern about the proposed Baha'i development that will be voted on by the City Council on February 25th.

I understand that Development Services voted to move ahead with the project, but I am urging the Mayor and Members of Council, as one of your constituents, to please vote against the proposal.

I have never been against projects that are thoughtfully designed with all stakeholders at the table. As a former climate scientist, you would think that my natural inclination is to be against this type of project, but I recognize that the Baha'i have been long-time neighbours of ours and had always hoped that a mutually agreeable solution could be found.

As I have watched this project proposal unfold, it has become clear to me that a major stakeholder -- the residents of this area -- has not been adequately consulted. I don't recall any invitations to join a community discussion or working group, and the most recent development meeting on February 11 was held at a time when most members of the public would be unable to attend. The residents of this area have attended as many City meetings as possible, and submitted many, many detailed deputations. Some changes have been made to the proposal, but many concerns raised by residents have yet to be addressed. We are simply asking for an opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the Baha'i and the developers so that we can all move forward together as neighbours.

Please listen to your constituents and hold off on moving forward with this proposal. There is still much work to be done and we are open to it!

Kind regards,

Erica Pinto