



**Date: 3/12/2024**

TO: City Planning Commission

Re: OPPOSITION OF CHANGE OF LAND USE PICKLE BALL COURTS

To: Whom this may concern

Desert View Senior Living has been the home for 123 senior citizens for over 25 years. As Community Relations Director the past 7 years, I give comfort to our residents that have selected this community stressing that it is a quiet neighborhood free from street traffic and it is only influenced by the activity at the park on Alexander Road, one block away. In recent years, we have already experienced increased vagrancy and traffic to the northwest area we serve. The number one concern of seniors is CRIME. PRIVACY is a close second, and retiring in peace without worries of those issues is a constant topic. Our community is set back off Buffalo and runs directly along the street Constantinople. I enjoy their conversations of being able to walk down the middle of a dead end street day or early evening where it's typically quiet without worries of cars passing by. Apartments at street level have never experienced noise, break-ins, concerns of speeding cars etc. This all changes after 25 years of solitude if this action of building 24 + pickle ball courts is approved.

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by Steve Friedel

<p>This petition IS BEING SUBMITTED REPRESENTING 123 seniors that reside at Desert View Sr Living, AND EMPOLYEEES who oppose 24 NEW Pickle Ball Courts proposed.</p>	<p><b>Desert View Sr. Living 3890</b> N. Buffalo has been a part of this area for over 25 years and is home to 123 Seniors over age 65-100 years of age. The opposition is based on key components represented here.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSING PICKLE BALL COURTS:</b> 125 Retire seniors at Desert View Senior Living will be effected. For 25 years, They have been able to walk on Constantinople adjacent to their community feeling safe from cars and crime. That is in jeopardy.</p>
<p>PARKING</p>	<p>Constantinople is overflow employee parking used throughout the day to allow for residents and families to park on property. Park usage and parking could severely impact parking in the neighborhood.</p>	<p>Increasing traffic would force employees to park in adjoining neighborhoods which are across the street and a block away. Employees leaving at 10pm and 2am would be subjected to increased safety concerns without escort.</p>
<p>TRAFFIC</p>	<p>Studies show, increased traffic after 7pm or darkness of night already impacts the safety of residents walking their streets. Imagine cars racing up a long open street next to a Senior Living Community.</p>	<p>Currently, Seniors between 75-85 years of age enjoy a safe stroll to the park and back without worrying about traffic. No one has ever been victimized or hit by cars as the street is quiet and safe. That will change.</p>
<p>CRIME</p>	<p>The increase in activity especially at night will effect our 123 residents who reside at Desert View. We already face the growing number of vagrants near the park. Facing increased night activity near a Senior RETIREMENT FACILITY SUBJECTS THIS FRAGILE AND VULNERABLE POPULATION to concerns such as property and home invasion potential.</p>	<p>This population should not be subjected to worrying about additional crime in their neighborhood or the impact of criminal activity just a half block away. At night, residents at Desert View enjoy sitting outside and talking with one another in the peace and solitude of our dead end street without fear of break-ins or assault from outside influence</p>
<p>SENIORS RIGHT TO SAFETY AND PRIVACY</p>	<p>The increased traffic and activity all hours of the day affect their ability to enjoy why they retired at Desert View. Approving the courts would be taking away the one thing they want at this stage in life. SECURITY.</p>	<p>They won't be able to open their windows at night due to increased volume of traffic and noise from the courts.. They will face bright lights at night and would be insecure in opening blinds/windows especially on the ground floor.</p>