

SAMPLE LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS

Dear Commissioner _____,

I reside at _____ in District ___ of DeKalb County, and write to voice my opposition to the proposed rezoning and development of the property owned by Charles Cathey, Jr. at the intersection of Briarlake Road and Amberwood Drive.

The proposal to rezone the Cathey property presents the possibility of significant changes to a well-established neighborhood. Citizens have not had sufficient time or information to fully understand this proposal and the environmental consequences that development might cause for the surrounding area. I urge you to vote for a full cycle deferral to honor the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan vision that “DeKalb County citizens will fully participate in the planning and development process to improve the quality of life for all residents,” and to allow sufficient time for thorough environmental impact studies to be conducted and disseminated among citizens potentially affected by development.

The proposal to rezone the property has been presented as including an agreement with DeKalb County to purchase some of the land for Parks and Greenspace. Financial analysis reveals that such an agreement effectively amounts to subsidizing the developer’s profits. To honor the faith placed in you as a representative of the people, I urge you to vote to reject the proposal to rezone the property.

The proposal to rezone and develop the property as R-NCD would result in cluster homes on small lots incompatible with the contiguous neighborhoods that are all zoned R-100. This is a misapplication of the principle stated in the Comprehensive Plan Policies and Strategies Interim Guidelines of transitioning from high densities at the center of an Activity Center toward lower densities at the periphery. The subject property is not in or adjacent to an Activity Center, so cluster development is not needed and would appear out of place given the architectural context of the surrounding neighborhoods. To honor the context and the history of the mid-century modern homes in the area, I urge you to vote to reject the proposal to rezone the property to R-NCD.

_____ (Add some of your own thoughts)_____

Sincerely,

Your Name, address, email address, phone number

Send to your County Commissioner:

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