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Residents have signed this letter of acceptance regarding the Proposed Development by Griffin Riley in the area of Blue Parkway/Blackwell & 50 Highway. This is a multiple family community that was established in 2021.

Residents in the community surrounding this piece of ground have been through this before. Previous developers who have no ties to the area have tried to propose similar developments. The major concerns with those "out of town" developers is not only the lack of legacy within the Lee's Summit Community, but the lack of seriousness that they have taken regarding the area residents' concerns. Stacking the density of the area as high as it will go is not what the residents wanted. We have great representation in our elected officials. However, when the required meetings by the prior developers took place, the concerns were not only dismissed, but a hostile environment was created. Obviously the residents did not like that at all.

This has changed with the most recent development proposal by Griffin Riley. Having witnessed the lack of engagement with the residents and the sheer lack of concern from the previous developer, GRPG took all of this into account with their plans. They actually listened to the concerns of the neighbors. While the development area could sustain more units, they understood that this would not build a good community around their property and not to max out the density. This, in our opinion, makes them good stewards of the area, but also the greater community.

The residents that have signed below understand that, based on the City's use case for properties such as this, something must and will go in there. Nothing is not an option. Based on this information, the residents that have signed below are in agreement that this proposal suits the needs of the area, but also balances out the needs and concerns of the surrounding properties and resources such as schools and emergency services.

It is also our understanding that the proposed tax plan from the City for this development is a considerable increase for this proposal. This seems off from other similar projects over the last few years. We don't believe that it is fair to burden a developer that has done its best to listen to the surrounding area residents and penalize them for not building to the maximum number of units just to recoup dollars. Keep in mind, this property has remained dormant over the years. In our minds the progressive nature of that sort of tax plan is not what represents the majority of constituents in your districts. Given the current economics in this country, higher taxes on businesses only trickle down to the consumer. Please consider this in your deliberations.

The residents that live in this area are good neighbors and represent what this City brings to bear in terms of opportunities to live, raise families and consume the perks of living here. What we want to avoid is the continuous battle over this land again. We urge you to take action to approve this development and carefully review your tax plan in order to be more in line with similar properties of this nature.

Thank you.

