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Subject: Email RE: Location, location, location - Northern Chapel Hill

Thank you for your email. A copy has been forwarded to each Council Member and to senior staff members.

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From: MMingridnc@aol.com[mailto:MMingridnc@aol.com]
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To All Concerned:

The above "subject" was the main reason I chose my home at 123 Tremont Circle. I knew development was inevitable, but, now as a single homeowner I am extremely concerned that there is nowhere near enough thought, much less creative thought, or common sense going into the planning of the development of this prime area: the northern entry to Chapel Hill.

1. The plans proposed by the RAM representative had the bland, cookie-cutter design trademark stamped on them as does most of Cary and the outskirts of Raleigh. This is Chapel Hill. One of its outstanding features is the fact it is the oldest State University in the United States and the home of numerous well known and unknown, creative citizens. There is a warmth and dignity to this town that deserves to be preserved and immediately made known to anyone who enters it. Here is an opportunity to create something to be proud of and yet still "make a buck".
2. Anyone waiting for the bus in the morning, as I do, can't help but notice how much the traffic has increased on MLK in the past few years. The thought of how much more traffic will be added unless proper planning is implemented is very worrying. The entrance to North Chapel Hill could very well turn into a continuous traffic jam with cars backing up on the ramps from I-40, rush hours becoming a major nightmare and daily travel a tedious stop-and-go affair.
3. My home abuts the Altemueller property. I am very concerned about my property value and the quality of my life. As much as deer are a pest, there is a lot to be said for living together with wildlife. The foxes, rabbits, many birds, squirrels and deer are priceless.

This time of the year I can hear the rumble of and see the cars shimmering through the lanky trees; I can hardly wait for Spring to have the leaves fill in the gaps to block out the view of the vehicles and help muffle the sound of the traffic. Not only was RAM's proposal for a 50 ft. buffer absurd; their development would only exacerbate traffic issue. Too bad the developers can't be forced to live on the site they are developing; I think they would be presenting a very different set of plans.

These are just a few of my thoughts and concerns. I'm sure you are becoming aware of the number of people dissatisfied with the up-coming developments.

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Thank you for your time.

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