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I enclose a copy of my letter to you on October 3, 2001. It concerns the application of the Chancellor's View Subdivision. That application is now being submitted again (with some modifications) for your approval. My neighbors and I hope you will consider our objections to the plan, as previously submitted to you.

Thank you for your attention.

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I send this letter as a written summary of the remarks I made at your meeting on September 19th to consider the application of the Chancellor's View Subdivision. My remarks were supported by several neighbors who attended.

We see three problems in the plan to use Zapata Lane as the sole entry-exit of the new subdivision:

1) The corner of Zapata Lane and Old Lystra Road is very dangerous, and traffic at that point should not be increased. To the right of the intersection is a sharp curve limiting the view of people who wish to enter Old Lystra by turning left (and thus approach Mt. Carmel Church Road). The problem cannot be fully grasped by looking at a map; we encourage members of the Commission to come see for themselves.

2) Zapata Lane is used by pedestrians who take daily walks for exercise, and by school children going to the corner to catch the school bus. There is no sidewalk. The street is also used as a playground: bicycles, roller skates, ball games, etc. Almost all of the 11 homes on the Lane have children, from kindergarten to high school. We are used to their presence, and watch out for them.

3) Zapata Lane is a private road, which we maintain. The construction trucks coming to build 30 new homes would likely damage the road. Who will pay for repairs?

We hope the Commission will urge the developers of the new subdivision to take another look, and see if they can find an alternative entry-exit road.

Sincerely yours,

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