

**Petition to the Town Council of Chapel Hill**

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RE: Horace Williams Advisory Committee Report

Dear Mayor Foy and the members of the Council:

I am requesting that at the Council November 17<sup>th</sup> work session on Horace Williams and Carolina North, language precluding the creation of an automobile corridor into Homestead Road at Weaver Dairy extension be introduced. There are major drawbacks to creating a new automobile major thoroughfare through a strictly residential area.

1. A Homestead Road connection to Weaver Dairy violates the spirit and principles themselves of the Horace Williams Advisory Committee's Citizen Report by routing thousands of commuters daily through residential areas.
2. It would lead to road pressure widening to both Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Extension (which is exclusively residential).
3. This road creates a major new circuit to draw autocommuters from 15-501 through Weaver Dairy as well as commuters off of I-40 into town via Weaver Dairy Extension to Carolina North.
4. A northern connection to Homestead would be unwise by drawing autocommuters to and through an area dense with school aged children and would make Homestead Road more dangerous for pedestrians and children. (This is the second densest school district in Chapel Hill).
5. The second most **environmentally sensitive** area in the main Horace Williams tract lies in the direct path of this new road. The new north-south corridor would also separate all of the wetlands in the eastern part of the main tract with the western half.
6. If such a major thoroughfare is introduced now concentrating on individuals commuting by car through Carolina North, there will be less emphasis on creating innovative and low polluting alternative modes of transportation later.

Thank you very much for considering my petition in light of the beginning of Carolina North as something wonderful for Chapel Hill if done in the right way.

Sincerely, Laurin Easthom

**Carolina North** is a huge mixed-use UNC project that will directly affect our surrounding neighborhoods. Thousands of cars will pour in and out of this area. Currently, there is the strong possibility of having one of these roads connect at Homestead Road to link to Weaver Dairy Extension. This will pressure for the widening of Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Extension to accommodate people trying to get to/from I-40 from Carolina North. Weaver Dairy Extension is a neighborhood road with only homes and thousands of kids. Preliminary plans show a possible mini-highway through here!

If you would like the northern part of Carolina North to be closed to Homestead Road to protect the hundreds of homes in the area as well as the natural environment, and to lessen the possibility of a widening of Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Ext., please sign the petition accordingly. Your voices will be heard and presented to the town council to consider this when planning with UNC!

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| 303<br>Rowe   | 2 <u>Wunian Chen</u>      |             | 17 <u>Xiaoyu Liu</u>                  | 32 <u>Carmelite C. Pinabzi</u> <sup>107</sup> |
| 303<br>Rowe   | 3 <u>Alei Ou</u>          | 706<br>Pa   | 18 <u>Liping Wang</u>                 | 33 <u>CHRISTOPHER PENABZI</u> <sup>107</sup>  |
| 100<br>Barton | 4 <u>Jale Cecilia</u>     | 200<br>Wash | 19 <u>Yi Huang</u>                    | 34 <u>Jyoti Prasad</u> <sup>109</sup>         |
| 102<br>Barton | 5 <u>R. Arumugham</u>     | 116<br>Wash | 20 <u>James Paul</u>                  | 35 <u>A. Krishna Prasad</u>                   |
| 104<br>Barton | 6 <u>Craig</u>            |             | 21 <u>Maengheek Paul</u>              | 36 <u>S. T. M. Plavunkal</u>                  |
| 71            | 7 <u>U. Steyer</u>        |             | 22 <u>Mihail H. Mihail</u>            | 37 <u>Buicher George</u> <sup>103</sup>       |
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|               | 11 <u>Tzung Li Kuang</u>  | 108<br>Wash | 26 <u>Bswarnelkar</u>                 | 41 <u>Joseph Hill</u> <sup>100</sup>          |
|               | 12 <u>Shih-Jen Kuang</u>  |             | 27 <u>Bswarnelkar</u>                 | 42 <u>Wang, Xie</u> <sup>100</sup>            |
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