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To: Town Council
Subject: Petition to Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

I request that the town pursue making a pedestrian cut-through in the fence and installing a pedestrian cross-walk behind the Eckerd store in Glenwood Square Shopping Center at NC54 and Hamilton Rd. The purpose of the cut-through is to: 1) Reduce automobile trips by enabling parents to both drop off/pick up their children at Glenwood Elementary and shop at Glenwood Square Shopping Center--yet park only one time; and 2) make it easier for Glenwood Elementary staff to walk to and from the shopping center for lunch and errands. Currently, there is a cut-through and stairs between the shopping center and the State Employees Credit Union. But that cut-through at that location is of little use to those needing to get to the school. Further down there is a hole in the fence that is closer to the school. I and others use it but it is not a safe passageway as the top of the chain link fence has sharp protrusions where it has been cut.

Because the fence was approved as part of the shopping center development plan, the town must get permission from the owner to make a cut-through. On November 1, 2002, the Town of Chapel Hill sent a proposed cut-through site plan to Jaime Lee, Property Manager at Graham Associates. In her response, Ms. Lee requested that the Town send a letter of proof that the cut-through will be at the Town's expense. Ms.

Lee did not indicate whether Graham Associates would agree to the easement or not.

If the cut-through is made, the school recommends installing a zebra striped crosswalk across Prestwick, adjacent to the cut-through.

Both the Glenwood School Governance Committee and the PTA endorse this proposal as it facilitates mobility for staff, parents and students of Glenwood, and may reduce traffic congestion around the school. We hope that Graham Associates sees in this connectivity improvement an opportunity to generate more business for shopping center tenants.

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