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**[MPC Comment] RE: File No 7-G-16-SP and 7-E-16-PA - Northshore Town Center zoning**

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Sun, Aug 7, 2016 at 11:10 PM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing regarding the developers of Northshore Town Center requesting a change to the existing zoning of TC1 to High Density.

My husband and I purchased a home in Northshore Town Center last year. What drew us to this area was the Town Center concept; the walkability, pedestrian friendly neighborhood. We love the sidewalks and the nearby shops and restaurants; we visit them frequently. We were featured in a recent Knoxville News Sentinel article about our home and neighborhood: [www.knoxnews.com/entertainment/life/neighborhood-vibe-a-welcome-surprise-for-empty-nesters-in-northshore-town-center-3425fc91-3eb0-6f2b---381394131.html](http://www.knoxnews.com/entertainment/life/neighborhood-vibe-a-welcome-surprise-for-empty-nesters-in-northshore-town-center-3425fc91-3eb0-6f2b---381394131.html)

We strongly object to the zone change request for several reasons: First, there is already a huge apartment complex being built in the neighborhood next to the school; a second complex would be unnecessary and unsightly. Second, we bought a home in this neighborhood because of the Town Center concept; it reminded us of the urban feel of being downtown and the ability to walk to shops, restaurants and parks, and encourages residents to be outdoors. Thirdly, the Town Center concept is part of the future plan of Knoxville; to abandon it and switch gears to something altogether different is ludicrous to us. The Town Center concept is the wave of the future, and in our opinion would be highly successful if completed as originally planned. A movie theater, bowling alley, shops, restaurants, waterfront table spaces and walkways would be highly desirable and make this area a magnet for surrounding neighborhoods and potential customers, as evidenced by the significant number of new homes under construction in our subdivision (homes which create new tax revenue for the city while apartments do not). There is nothing like Northshore Town Center in Knoxville unless you go downtown.

My husband and I made a significant investment in our home, and would really appreciate your support to keep the Northshore Town Center concept and zoning as is. If the developers no longer believe in the Town Center concept, then maybe we need new developers with a more forward thinking vision.

Very respectfully yours,

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