

My name is **Connie** Holland and I live at 2004 McClain Dr. I am in opposition to the property development at 2400 and 2600 Merchant Dr.

Norwood is a community that was started in approx. 1938 and I have lived here since 1959. I would consider this neighborhood well established. We have continually had growth without the growth of the infrastructure. We have apartments at every turn. There is one elementary school, a middle school, and several high schools that people from this area attend. Clinton Hwy has been revamped at the Merchant Dr. intersection but not at other feeder roads. Traffic backs up to Weigles at peak flow times. Merchant Drive at Wilkerson is a nightmare to get out of

especially during peak flow times. Its hard to get out at Melstone and Wil-loyd also. I am very concerned with the amount of traffic this new development will bring in. This will make travel on Merchant Dr. treacherous.

Living on McClain DR., people use this road to avoid Merchant Dr. especially during peak usage times. They can bypass the red lights at Merchant Dr., hit McClain, and get out at the red light there.

By using the camera on my house, I was able to estimate we have a car that travels McClain Dr. every 2 – 4 minutes. In a 24 hour time frame, there were 502 cars plus one 18 wheeler. That averaged to a car every 3.24 minutes. The main issue is speeding. The speed limit is 25mph.

People do not follow this. There are more speeders than those that follow the law. Its not unusual to see speeds greater than 40mph. Some fly by so fast, the car is a blur. If standing on the driveway with only 1 car in the road, they will NOT move away from you. Due to my back issues, I'm slow. It scares me to cross the street. I am afraid if the development is allowed, even more people will use McClain to bypass Merchant Dr.

When there is an event at the Expo Center, you add even more traffic to the area. To go from McClain to the red light at Merchant Dr., I had to sit thru 2 cycles of the light to get thru. Even during peak times, Clinton Highway can back up to McClain Dr. If my only way out was at

Wilkerson, I would drive all over the neighborhood to avoid the area. That is a difficult area to navigate even with regular traffic if turning left from Wilkerson I onto Merchant Dr. It's also hard to get out at Melstone and Wil-loyd.

There are 16 feeder streets for McClain in the neighborhood with 325 houses. I can't imagine adding more traffic on this road. You could possibly increase normal traffic from 502 to 1000 cars per day. I would prefer to keep my neighborhood safe.