

Thank you for taking public input. I am a 17 year resident of Knoxville and the Lindbergh Forest neighborhood. I have watched this area begin to blossom with the urban wilderness projects and their benefit to this community. My husband and I enjoy walking our three boys past the South High building on our way to the Gateway park and Baker's Creek preserve.

I am not in favor of rezoning the South High property. Regardless of the specific project that is being considered, the change of zoning is not appropriate. The property is directly connected to an elementary school. Children and families walk and bike in the area. When the city gave the property to the current owners, there was supposed to be an emphasis on using the property to benefit the area - changing the zoning would strip away protections for the community and change the intention of the use for this parcel. Knoxville currently has a need for residential properties and this would be a move in the opposite direction. It is literally at the heart of a neighborhood, it is right outside people's front doors, their children cut through the lawn on the way to school. We have seen that projects can come and go. If we change the zoning of this parcel, we remove the protections for the neighborhood, weakening the community.