

I moved to Knoxville in 1976 and have lived and worked here ever since. My wife and I have lived in the Bluff Point subdivision since 1990 and raised our family here. I'm glad to see the Knoxville metropolitan area growing rapidly over the last several years but feel that more infrastructure planning should accompany this rapid growth. My wife and I have observed (and dealt with) the growth in the Choto area first-hand for over thirty years.

I specifically oppose the rezoning (1-E-24-RZ) to support 5 units per acre for the following reasons:

- The highest density in the Choto area is 3.5 units/acre, with many older subdivisions in the area at 0.5 units/acre. The proposed 5 units/acre would be inconsistent with the area.
- All access roads within 3 miles of the subject development are narrow, two-lane roads with limited shoulders:
 - Harvey Road
 - Choto Road
 - South Northshore Road
 - McFee Road
 - Virtue Road
- During rush hours, South Northshore Road is clogged with commuter traffic with delays in the Concord Road Roundabout to Westland Drive area approaching 20-30 minutes. This presents serious issues for emergency response vehicles.
- With baseball/football games & practices along with visitors to "The Cove at Concord Park", traffic (both vehicle and pedestrian) is very heavy on Northshore at the Cove. This necessitates Knox County Sheriff vehicles to be posted at the location to control traffic.

I strongly request that this rezoning request for high-density housing should not be approved in the Choto area until/unless the traffic infrastructure can be expanded to support the existing (and increased) traffic volume.

Best regards,
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