

My name is Steven Johnson, and I have lived in Kimberlin Subdivision for 10 years. Our homes were built in the 1960s and 70s for one reason: a quiet, low-density refuge where families could age in place and children could play safely. Tonight you are asked to shatter that covenant by rezoning the parcel immediately behind our backyards for high-density housing.

Let me be direct: **this rezoning is reckless, unnecessary, and irreversible.**

1. **Traffic gridlock is already here.** Sevierville Pike is a narrow, two-lane county road with no shoulders and no sidewalks. Every car, delivery van, and moving truck serving hundreds of new units will pour onto that road—directly past our decks and patios—or cut through our subdivision streets. We have no safe place left to walk our dogs or push a stroller. Adding another 500+ daily trips is not “growth”; it is a guarantee of danger.
2. **The infrastructure cannot bear one more straw.** Within five miles we already have:
 - 287 apartments rising at John Sevier and Chapman,
 - 73 homes + 64 apartments across from Wildwood,
 - 174 homes just finished in Cherokee Woods,
 - 200–300 homes by Cook Brothers, and
 - 200 townhomes at Strawberry Meadows.
3. **Density imports noise, light, and crime.** Older residents chose Kimberlin because we know every neighbor by name. We paid a premium for peace—peace that is being auctioned off tonight to the highest bidder. Greed is not a land-use policy.

John Sevier Highway is stop-and-go every morning and afternoon. Sevierville Pike backs up for twenty minutes just to reach I-40. One more green light for density will turn our neighborhood into a parking lot.

Commissioners, you swore an oath to protect the health, safety, and welfare of existing residents. Approving this rezoning violates that oath on every count.

We urge you—respect the 50-year promise this county made to Kimberlin. **Vote NO on the rezoning.**