

Dear Members of the Knox County Planning Commission,

I am writing as a resident of The Mill at Choto subdivision regarding the proposed Choto Grill and Bar. Our neighborhood is directly adjacent to the lot under consideration, with some residential properties bordering this parcel. Because of this close proximity, the details of this proposal have a significant and immediate impact on our community.

While we understand and appreciate responsible commercial development, we are particularly concerned about the proposed 11:00 PM closing time. Given how close this establishment would be to our homes, noise levels during late evening hours are a major concern. Even with standard noise ordinances in place, sounds from outdoor seating areas, patrons leaving the premises, car doors closing, engines starting, music, and general activity can carry easily into neighboring yards and homes, especially at night when ambient noise is otherwise minimal.

In addition to noise concerns, we are worried about the increase in traffic this restaurant and bar would generate. The roads serving our subdivision are already heavily used, and additional vehicle traffic, particularly later in the evening, raises concerns about safety, congestion, and the overall quiet character of our residential area.

We respectfully ask the Commission to carefully consider the compatibility of this proposed use with the surrounding residential neighborhood. If the project moves forward, we urge you to consider stricter operating conditions, including an earlier closing time and appropriate buffering or sound mitigation measures to protect adjacent homeowners.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the concerns of those of us who live in The Mill at Choto. We appreciate your service to our community and your thoughtful review of this matter.

Sincerely,  
Christy Dowell  
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