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FYI-I received this today and thought I'd pass it along as we just talked about it earlier today.

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Mona Karkela ([karkela@mchsi.com](mailto:karkela@mchsi.com)) sent a message using the contact form at  
[https://link.edgepilot.com/s/ce6efcd9/Fd0ddbiUM02VdJn34-2zHQ?  
u=https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/ce6efcd9/Fd0ddbiUM02VdJn34-2zHQ?u=https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/).

Grand Rapids City Council

City Hall

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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To the Members of the Grand Rapids City Council and Chris Connor and Luke SDchumacher: This letter is in opposition to the rezone of Parcel 91-030 from their currently established R1 (Shoreland One-Family Residential) zoning designation to an R-4 (Multiple-family Residential-high density) zoning district as outlined on the attached Notice posted in the Grand Rapids Paper on August 2, 2023. While the local community may be unable to prevent development, that will be detrimental to the area, nearly all residents in the surrounding neighborhoods are completely opposed to the addition of multi-family housing that will cause traffic and safety problems, create even more problems with grade school traffic that is already causing major traffic issues, destroy local wildlife habitat, and potentially lower the property values of the existing community.

Traffic and safety of pedestrians are major areas of concern. While the traffic may be lighter on average, the local neighborhood traffic will disproportionately surge during morning and evening rush hours, causing traffic issues during critical times for the existing area neighborhoods. The traffic surge during morning rush hours will also negatively impact safety for children, since students walk to school in the mornings. In general, the area traffic is continuing to increase, and heavy traffic is already common at times due to the aforementioned school traffic, hospital traffic (ambulance, especially), which may not have been anticipated during the last rezoning approval.

Wildlife has been observed in the area, and any development will destroy their habitat. Any planned development of the property should consider the continuing impact to local wildlife habitat. This area may also have several endangered species, which should be investigated by the appropriate agency prior to approving development.

Property values are likely to go down in the area if multi-family apartments or condominiums are built. Multifamily dwellings are inconsistent with the neighborhoods developed in the area. I was disappointed that so few notices were mailed and I had to be informed by my close neighbors who will be impacted. There was no indication of where the notifications were sent, but I suspect none were delivered into our neighborhood...

I urge you to disapprove the proposed rezoning, and from recent discussions with my neighbors, I know my opinions are shared by many who are not able to attend this meeting or write letters and emails.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our communities.

Best regards,

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