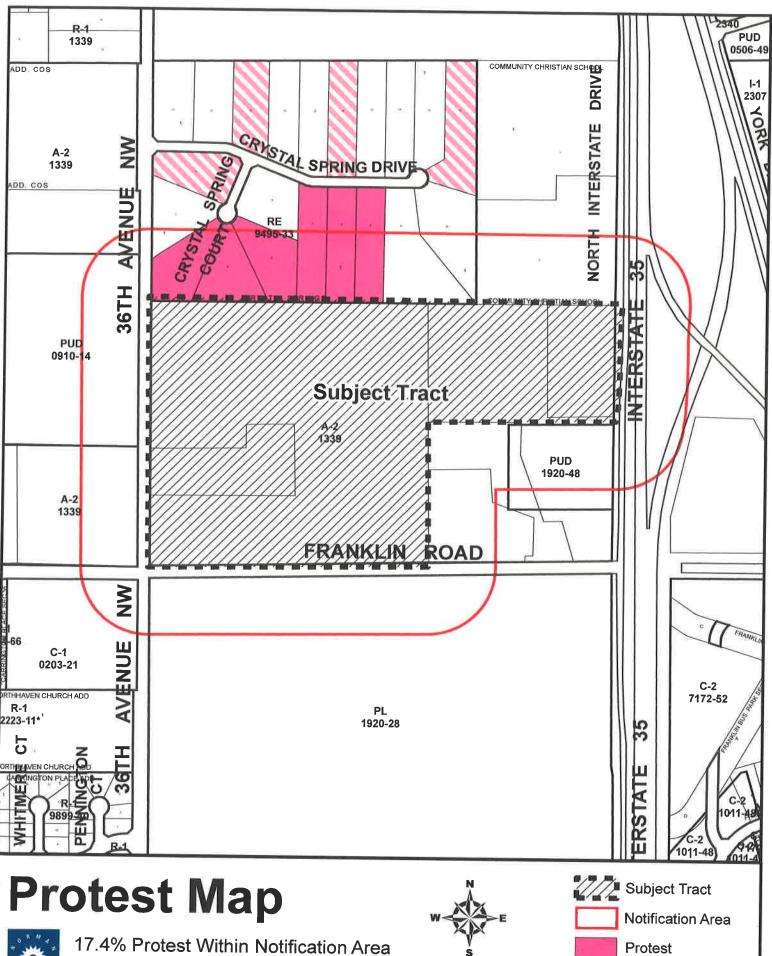
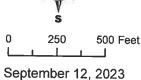
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# Mr. and Mrs. Arms

5200 Crystal Spring Court Norman, Ok 73072

**September 10, 2023** 

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Sincerely yours,

**Judy Arms** 

Judy K. Arms Revocable Trust

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Sincerely,

Ramona Belleau

Ramona Belleau Living Trust

Samuel Belleau



### STANDING WITH YOU.

September 11, 2023

The City of Norman Planning and Community Development Department 201 West Gray, Bldg. A P.O. Box 370 Norman, OK 73069-73070



RE:

Notice of Request for Norman 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan

Amendment and Rezoning Case Number: PD23-11

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Dear Planning Commission, City Council Members and Zoning Department,

I represent Robert Plumlee, Patricia Plumlee and The Patricia Plumlee Revocable Trust, August 17, 2000, which is the owner of the property located at 5231 Crystal Springs Court, Norman, Oklahoma. This property has a legal address of Lot 5, Block 1, Crystal Spring Addition to the City of Norman (hereinafter "The Plumlee Property"). Robert Plumlee is the Trustee of The Patricia Plumlee Revocable Trust, August 17, 2000, and has full authority to sign on its behalf.

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Respectfully,

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Recommendations for 350 Apartment Complex on Corner of 36th Avenue NW and Franklin Road

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As well, more Single Family Home lots would be welcome in this area, as long as the lots accommodate homes of similar square footage to surrounding homes in the area, keeping everyone's home value up with the market.

Recommendation for the Entire Tract of Land in Case PD23-11

Another possible suggestion, the City of Norman could purchase the entire tract of land in question. Ruby Grant Park was so needed by Norman residents and Ruby Grant's enjoyment could be expanded with this neighboring tract of land. For years now, CCS School Cross Country Runners have been running on the subject tract in question. Volunteers have been keeping running trails mowed for the children needing a safe area to run on. People and their children need space to breathe, exercise and play. The entire land tract in question is a beautiful piece of land, that could be made to enjoy!

Sincerely,

Ramona Belleau Ramona Belleau Living Trust

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### WESLEY & JENNIFER HUBERT 3300 CRYSTAL SPRING DR. NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, 73072

30 August 2023

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Dear Norman Council Members and Zoning Department (ase Number PD23-11

Thank you for allowing us to respond to the Alliance Development Group, L.L. C's request to change the tract located behind my house from Rural Agricultural to PUD, Planned Unit Development and from Medium Density Residential to mixed use to include single family, commercial and multifamily uses. I do not think anyone in my neighborhood has any issue with Medium Density Residential or even the Commercial property that would be located near the I-35 service road. Everyone in my addition and the housing additions like Carrington bought property on this side of Norman for the nice clean community environment and in my case larger acer lots. From the last developer meeting they talked for 28 minutes of the allotted 30 minutes, leaving us 2 minutes to voice our concerns. Any apartment complex located this close to Carrington and Crystal Spring Addition would lead to a drop in property value for residents along with higher crime rates, busier roadways, and loss of personal privacy to Crystal Spring residents. We don't understand why they can't just build nice houses on this plot of land with larger 1 to 2 acre lots. This is what everyone seems to be looking for in our area and it would keep everyone in the surrounding area happy. I am sure that when Bob Stoops built his mansion, he never thought he would have to look out his front door and see a 3 to 4 story apartment complex across the

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street from him. This is why we all made the investment to move into the additions in this area, because we assumed the city of Norman would make smart decisions on how they developed the land around us.

List of Nuisances this will bring or add to.

Water drainage and single lane road congestion. We have had several bad wrecks at the intersection of 36th and Franklin Road because of the limited visibility and the running of stop signs traveling from Franklin Road from the I-35 service road towards 36th street. This has been addressed by adding a stop sign to the drivers traveling down 36th street when the wrecks were caused by people running the stop sign on Franklin Road. This is still a single lane road at Franklin and 36<sup>th</sup> street. Now you will be adding hundreds more cars to this road just from the apartment building alone. The Tract in question has a very large flood zone the leads over 36th and over it. Water stands on the road showing how bad the water drainage on both sides of the road and on said Track are. I know this is why they want to build apartments on the side facing Ruby Grant Park, because they want to make more money due to the lack of buildable land on this Track in question. Making more money for a builder is not what a city should be focusing on over the wants and needs of its established residents. The entry road to the addition in question is in a flood zone and my concern is damage to my property or others property in Crystal Spring when they break ground and change the water drainage to fit the needs of the new construction.

Crime rates are 7 times higher when you bring in higher density housing apposed to single family dwellings. I am thinking about my family first, but I am also concerned about the property owners near me to include the patrons of Ruby Grant Park, All Saints Catholic School and CCS Christian School that shares a property line with this Track. Apartment buildings are notorious for providing marginal parking provision for tenants and the overflow from this, plus tenant's visitors, puts all available neighborhoods curbside parking under pressure to include parking at Ruby Grant Park. We were told of how high end these apartments will be, but I know that no matter how nice they are now they won't be that nice forever and sooner or later they will attract lower income residents and a higher level of crime. I know that right behind my house will be single family homes, but I also know that once a 3 to 4 story apartment building goes up the days of privacy in my back yard will be over. They will be able to look over whatever wall or fence I try and put up or that the developer puts up on the property line. Everyone in Crystal

springs backing up to this new development will have total loss of privacy if you allow them to build apartment buildings.

Why the need for another apartment complex so close to two others that are in the same vicinity? There is already the Icon Apartment Complex off 36th and Indian Hills that is distanced from single family homes. Then you have Anatole at Norman off 36th and Tecumseh, both within two miles of this Track. We are already going to have the Turnpike come down Indian Hills on one side of us, don't allow them to put another apartment complex right in the middle of one of your most sought-after single-family home areas. Until 36th and Franklin Roads are widened and finished we should not even be talking about construction or re-zoning at all. I don't understand why you would allow them to build lower grade cookie cuter homes in an area just because the developer thinks a 1,200 square foot home is big enough (stated by the developer in our last meeting) when Carrington was an Ideal Homes development, and the lowest square foot was 1,700 or 1,800 square foot up to 3,200. This should be a higher end development built by the Landmark Homes side of Ideal Homes so that the property values of the adjacent homeowners are not affected. I would assume the property taxes of residents near this Track should drop if you allow this to happen because there is no way the current property owners property will still be worth as much as your last two higher adjustments this appraisal year alone.

**Sincerely** 

Wesley Dean Hubert Property Owner, 3300 Crystal Springs Dr. Norman, Oklahoma 73072 100% Disabled Iraq War Veteran

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Planning Commission City of Norman Norman, OK 73069

Re: Vigorous Opposition to the Requested Amendment to Norman 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan - Alliance Development Group, LLC (Case #PD23-11)

Dear Esteemed Members of the Planning Commission,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to express my unwavering and resolute opposition to the proposed amendment to the Norman 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan, submitted by Alliance Development Group, LLC. As a property owner within 350 feet of the affected land, I hold serious reservations about the disastrous implications this project would inflict upon my neighborhood and our cherished community.

I understand the significance of responsible urban development; however, I am convinced that the proposed project, in its current form, represents a grave misjudgment that threatens the very essence of our neighborhood's character and well-being. My objections to this amendment are not mere concerns; they are clear and compelling reasons why it should be categorically rejected:

- 1. Reckless Density and Traffic Havoc: The proposed development, incorporating apartments, commercial complexes, light industrial facilities, and offices, demonstrates a complete disregard for the well-being and safety of our community. The resultant surge in population density will undoubtedly plunge our streets into utter chaos, posing a severe threat to the safety of residents, particularly children and the elderly.
- 2. Noise Pollution and Environmental Peril: Introducing commercial and industrial elements into an area predominantly zoned for residential purposes is a recipe for disaster. The accompanying noise pollution, air pollution, and potential environmental hazards could undermine the health and tranquility of our community.
- 3. Plummeting Property Values: There is no doubt that the presence of commercial and industrial structures in close proximity would lead to a devastating decline in property values for residents in our neighborhood. This could cause severe financial harm to those of us who have invested our hard-earned savings in our homes.
- 4. Architectural Dissonance and Community Dismantlement: The proposed development is fundamentally incongruent with the architectural and aesthetic essence of our beloved neighborhood. It threatens to erode the unique character that has endeared our community to all its residents.
- 5. Infrastructure Overwhelm: Our current infrastructure is ill-equipped to shoulder the additional burdens this development would impose. The strain on utilities, sewage systems, and road maintenance will necessitate substantial taxpayer investment and compromise the quality of life we currently enjoy.



I implore the Planning Commission to heed the impassioned pleas of the residents directly affected by this ill-conceived proposal. We are united in our conviction that preserving the sanctity of our neighborhood and safeguarding the quality of life we cherish must be paramount.

In the strongest terms, I urge you to categorically and unequivocally reject the proposed amendment to the Norman 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan submitted by Alliance Development Group, LLC. I have full faith in your wisdom to act in the best interests of our community, upholding its values and its promise for a prosperous and harmonious future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We, the concerned residents, await your decisive and principled decision.

Yours sincerely,

Fnu Suriamin

September 11, 2023

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Gary Armbruster L-Rev TRT-UND 50 P/C INT 3500 Crystal Spring Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73072

To Whom It May Concern:

We are sending this protest letter for the multi-family apartments and single-family homes proposed to be located on the NE corner of 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and Franklin Road. I believe the case number is PD23-11 We are opposed to this development for the following reasons:

- The traffic in this area is horrible and City of Norman voters approved the widening of this roadway over 11 years ago and this has never been done. Currently there is no funding in place for this widening either. Until this area receives the road widening that is desperately needed and approved by Norman voters, we will be opposed to any future developments in this area. Traffic overflows onto NW 36<sup>th</sup> whenever I-35 is backed up and there are times we can't even get out of our neighborhood. All of this development will only worsen the already bad traffic in this area.
- Flooding is a major issue as most of the proposed site and roadway on NW 36<sup>th</sup> is in a flood plain. It doesn't take much rain to completely flood NW 36<sup>th</sup> and this is a typical occurrence. I can't imagine how bad the flooding will be when a piece of undeveloped land is turned into 350 apartments and single-family homes that will affect the runoff greatly. We are all concerned that this flooding will continue to back up onto our properties.

Thank you for this consideration of protest and to not approve the developers request,

**Gary Armbruster** 



Gerald + Deborah Younger 3451 Crystal Spring Dr. Norman, OK 73072

The City of Norman
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Dear Planning Commission, City Council Members and Zoning Department,

The City of Norman has an applicant, Alliance Development LLC, case number of PD23-11.

We are wanting to Protest
the development that's being
planned for the Corner of
36th Avenue NW and Franklin Road.
We have a Neighborhood of
High End Homes. What they are
proposing are small homes
and a Apartment Complex of 350
units. I believe this will bring
our Property Values down.

OF THE CITY CLERK ON 9/11/23 We have one way in and one way out of our Neighbor hood, so we go in and out on 36th with can get Congested at times and have had some Bad Accidents with fatalities

Thank Your Gerald + Deborah Younger From: Gary Rayburn

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In regard to Case PD23-11, proposed rezoning near 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and Franklin Road, I stand in protest.

Rezoning this property as proposed would negatively impact this overall general area of Norman for numerous reasons, including but not limited to:

Traffic, it is already a very busy area with the bottleneck going from 4 lanes to 2 going north from this intersection.

Ruby Grant Park is a great park for this area and rezoning in such close proximity would negatively impact the current usage intentions of the investment made by the City in the first place. The possibility of crime and drug activity at the Park would increase exponentially with the possibility of multi-family housing / apartments directly across the street. The wonderful aesthetics of the Park would be traumatized as well.

Rezoning this area could set a precedent going forward and invite potential legal action if a similar case is denied, costing the City substantial legal fees to defend future decisions.

There are several environmental concerns that cannot easily be overcome.

These are just a few of the reasons that this Request for Rezoning should be DENIED!

Sincerely,

Gary L. Rayburn



Kendra and Justin Goodwin 4404 Pennington Ct. Norman, OK 73072

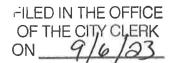
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Dear Planning Commission, City Council Members and Zoning Department,

This is regarding the Alliance Development Group LLC, case number of PD23-11. My wife and I have been notified about the development(s) that are being discussed near our neighborhood in Carrington place. Even though we were not notified with a letter, due to our distance from these developments, the developments are very much a concern for us and possibly others living within a mile radius.

Our house is located on Pennington Court, which is the first street in the Carrington Places addition located off of 36th Ave NW, south of Franklin Road. Since the development of the Ruby park, and the other new developments in our area, the traffic has become a nightmare. Recently, a 4-way stop sign was placed on the corner of Franklin and 36th NW Ave, which may have been necessary due to speeding vehicles and wrecks, has caused more of a traffic issue. Our street is a cul-de-sac, which is already used as a turn-a-round or a parking lot for people walking to the park, or stopping for other reasons. The Carrington facebook page is already saturated with complaints of speeding cars and criminal activity, which will both increase with a higher population. Also, when I-35 is congested, this is the recommended route for detours. With that said, the approval for street widening has not been approved and will take years to



approve and develop. All the roads nearby that will be a part of this development and the development on the west side of 36th will need to be improved, not to mention the flooding issues that 36th NW Ave has already, just north of Franklin.

The developer has an image of a community that not only has a 3-4 story 350 unit apartment, but homes being developed in a flood zone with one entrance going in and out, which from his plans, was placed directly where the flooding occurs. Crystal Springs also only has one entrance. I believe the developer made a mistake by purchasing this land and did not realize his loss until it was too late, and in an effort to get as much profit as possible, he decided to over-populate the area by putting high rises and small lots/homes. In the previous meeting, the developer was not forthcoming about the lot or home sizes, but made an estimate of the home sizes, which were not comparable to the home sizes nearby. I do not believe the concerns that are being argued are that the land is being developed, it's the fact that these issues could potentially devalue homes and cause major congestion issues until streets are upgraded. One last concern, Norman is a great place to live, but lately I have noticed the increase in empty buildings, shopping centers and companies going out of business, leaving empty buildings. In this same proposal, there are plans for businesses. Are these going to be self-sustaining businesses, or are they going to be empty wasteful areas that just cause taxpayers more money to maintain? Please keep this information in mind when approving this development and make sure that this is thoughtfully planned out, as I feel the developer is not interested in the community, but to destroy perfectly good land for profit and destroy others interests in the process.

Thank you for your time.

Kendra and Justin Goodwin