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Dear Norman City Council,

I am a resident of the South Lake neighborhood in Norman and am writing to formerly protest the proposed rezoning of the area north of Cedar Lane by St James Park neighborhood.

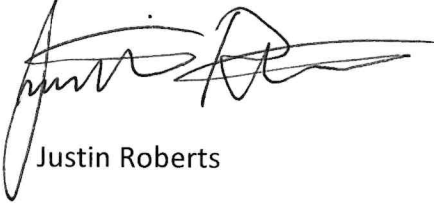
As a tax payer to the city of Norman and a resident of South Lake, I have three issues with more development in this area:

- With any new development in a given area comes an increase in property taxes in the surrounding area of the new development. Norman already has some of the highest property taxes in the state and they continue to go up every year. I simply do not wish to pay even more property taxes because of something I and many residents never wanted or asked for.
- The Planned Urban Development that is being considered I feel will only negatively impact the property values in South Lake and surrounding areas, especially if the units are bought and turned into rental properties. Rental properties, in general, can negatively affect surrounding areas when the properties are not well maintained due to absentee landlords, tenant abuse or general misuse of the property. If anything, the area needs to remain designated as R1.
- All of the homes in this neighborhood, including my own, that face the field that is north of Cedar Lane are offered a degree of privacy due to the area being vacant. The residents with homes facing that field will potentially have increased out of pocket costs to maintain the same level of privacy they had prior to the proposed rezoning and development. It may not even be possible to regain the

same level of privacy once it's lost. Myself and many neighbors that I've spoken to agree that one of the biggest positive aspects of the neighborhood is the rural feeling and general calmness and quietness that comes with an area with little development. The new developments in the surrounding area have already disrupted that to a degree and I and many residents simply do not wish for any further disruption.

I ask that city council will take these points I've made into consideration and keep more development out of our quite literal backyard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Roberts', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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