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Mayor Fischer and City Council
City of Novi
45175 Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

RE: Novi-Ten PRO (Ridgeview Pathway Issue)

Dear Mayor Fischer and Council Members:

The proposed Novi-Ten development is back on the City Council's agenda for Monday, January 26, 2026. This letter relates to the issue that arose at the last meeting (which resulted in the City Council postponing action) involving the **proposed connection of a public pathway** through the existing Ridgeview development. The last time around, the PRO Plan showed a connection point essentially between units in the Ridgeview development—shown as "Option 1" in your packet for this coming meeting. City Council heard from a number of residents who expressed concern about the connection, and several Councilmembers also raised the issue.

Following the postponement at the last meeting, the Novi-Ten developer (Mr. Weiss) and Ridgeview have met and appear to have addressed Ridgeview's various concerns. The biggest one obviously is the connection, and Mr. Weiss has proposed a new option—"Option 3" in your packet—that would establish a slightly different route for the pathway through a natural area on different property owned by Mr. Weiss. The pathway goes around the edge of the Ridgeview development instead of through it and then ends up where the original pathway was to end. City staff believes that it is a reasonable alternative to the connection than was originally agreed to in the Ridgeview PRO.

At one point, both staff and our office believed that Ridgeview was actually seeking to remove the designation of the pathway through its development as a public pathway; that would have required an actual amendment to the **Ridgeview** PRO document. It has since become clear that Ridgeview is not seeking that actual amendment or redesignation. Therefore, we no longer believe that the **Ridgeview** PRO document has to be amended. Therefore, the only pathway issue before Council is whether the new alternative pathway location is acceptable to City Council (with City staff recommendation).

There were two other issues that Ridgeview residents raised. One was screening along the southern boundary of the Novi-Ten development and the other was the apparent formalization on the Novi-

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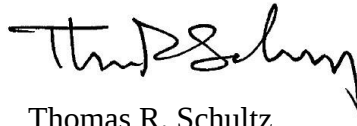
Ten plans of some informal “cut throughs” between the Novi-Ten property and Ridgeview over some berming between the properties. Both of those issues appear to have been resolved as indicated in the Staff Report for the packet, so they will not be addressed in this letter.

Finally, we are attaching to this letter some correspondence by Mr. Weiss that we don’t believe necessarily would be useful to have in the public packet—frankly, the documents seem to raise more questions than they resolve. We wanted to make sure the Council was given those documents just for their general review, but the items addressed in the letter are really already addressed in the Staff Report.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please don’t hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Th R Schultz", written in a cursive style.

Thomas R. Schultz

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Attachments

cc: Victor Cardenas, City Manager
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