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Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings

Re: Notley Townhouse Development

Dear Ms. Khandikile Sokoni:

My name is Lesly Wilson. My family and I have lived at 316 Flannery Lane since 1993. We were the third family to move into the new development, Jonathan's Trace, that was being built at that time. Since 1993 we have watched this neighborhood grow and prosper. Since we are a black family it has been wonderful to see that this community has become extremely diverse with every nationality and culture reflected here.

It has been interesting to hear that there have been accusations that this community and this area are objecting to the building of the townhouse community across Notley Road because we are white and object to having a diverse community being built in this neighborhood. That is ludicrous. This community is already highly diverse, both economically and racially and has been so for many years. My children both graduated from Springbrook High School which is the neighborhood high school. While they were there, the school celebrated its diversity with over 106 languages being spoken and 80 different nations represented by a flag hung in the school. Since then the community has become more diverse, not less so. Each of the other 2 high schools in the Northeast Consortium created for this area to give the kids the option of which school to attend – Blake and Paint Branch - have a similar demographic mix. So the notion that we would

somehow object to a new diverse community is absurd. People move to this area because of its diversity not to avoid it.

Our main objection to the building of this community is the negative impact that it will have on the traffic congestion in the area. Since the opening of the Intercounty Connector there has been a noticeable increase in traffic on New Hampshire Ave. adding to the large amount of traffic already heading South on New Hampshire Ave. During rush hour it is extremely difficult and dangerous to turn out of Flannery Lane/Copley Lane onto New Hampshire Ave. because we also have to contend with the large amount of traffic turning right from Notley Rd. I personally know how dangerous this turn is during rush hour because my daughter's vehicle was struck by a car who was rushing to change lanes as she made that turn. To add to an already extremely busy traffic mix is hard to imagine. 100+ townhouses will only have one egress point to turn out of their development onto a 2 lane, already busy, Notley Road, to then turn on already crowded New Hampshire Ave. Putting a light at the intersection of Notley and New Hampshire Ave is already needed. A new light, however, will not help the residents attempting to turn from Flannery/Copley Lane onto New Hampshire if we will then have to contend with the large amount of additional traffic turning from the new development onto New Hampshire. That seems untenable and dangerous.

There is also a problem with the number of students that this new development will create for our schools. Currently, each one of our three high schools in the Northeast Consortium is a 4A high school meaning that they are the largest high schools in the State of Maryland. Generally, people that move into a townhouse community are younger with children. Adding a significant number of children from an additional 100+ townhomes in the local school area might well push all of the schools into becoming overcrowded. In particular, the elementary school – Westover – would have difficulty in accommodating this additional student population in this small school.

It would be unfortunate to overtax a great, small neighborhood school by the addition of such a large development that has not been factored into the school planning process.

Bottom line, we object to adding a development of this size, on such a small tract of land, because of the negative effect that it will have on the traffic and the school density size of our local community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George P. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "George" on the first line, "P." on the second line, and "Miller" on the third line.