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Dear Mayor,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed rezoning of the properties located at 8911, 8931, 8951, and 8991 Patterson Road, from the current "Residential Single Family (RS1/F)" zone to the new "Residential/Limited Commercial (ZMU54)" zone and "School and Institutional Use (SI)" zone, and the subsequent development of a mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise complex. As a newly-wed young couple and first-time homebuyers, my spouse and I strongly oppose this rezoning plan due to its potential adverse impact on our property value and daily lives.

When we made the decision to invest in our home, we carefully considered several factors, including the surrounding zoning regulations. The current "Residential Single Family (RS1/F)" zone provides a sense of stability, peace, and privacy that aligns with our aspirations for a quiet and family-oriented neighborhood. It is disheartening to learn about the proposed rezoning that could potentially disrupt the serene and harmonious environment we envisioned for our future.

Furthermore, the introduction of a mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development in our community raises several concerns. The increase in population density and traffic congestion resulting from such a development would inevitably compromise the tranquility and safety of our neighborhood. The proposed rezoning could lead to a loss of green spaces, increased noise pollution, and decreased air quality, all of which would significantly diminish our quality of life. As young professionals who cherish the idea of a peaceful and healthy living environment, these potential consequences are distressing to contemplate.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the impact of this rezoning on our property value. As first-time homebuyers, the financial investment we have made is substantial, and our home represents not only a place of residence but also a significant portion of our net worth. The proposed rezoning has the potential to significantly devalue our property, jeopardizing our long-term financial security and limiting our ability to build equity for our future. This uncertainty adds unnecessary stress and anxiety to our lives as we navigate the challenges of homeownership.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully urge you to reconsider the rezoning proposal for 8911, 8931, 8951, and 8991 Patterson Road. We understand the need for development and progress within our city, but we believe it should be approached in a manner that prioritizes the well-being and interests of the existing residents. Alternative solutions that align with the current zoning regulations should be explored to ensure a sustainable and harmonious community for all.

We kindly request an opportunity to voice our concerns during community meetings regarding this rezoning proposal. Our input, along with that of other affected residents, should be taken into careful consideration when

making a decision that will have long-lasting effects on our lives and the overall character of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your dedication to serving our community and trust that you will carefully weigh the implications of this rezoning proposal. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information or if we can be of assistance in any way.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank Chang