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Dear Mr. Virendra Kallianpu,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed rezoning of the properties located at 8911, 8931, 8951, and 8991 Patterson Road from “Residential Single Family (RS1/F)” zone to the new “Residential/Limited Commercial (ZMU54)” zone and “School and Institutional Use (SI)” zone. Furthermore, I urge you not to permit the development of a mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development in this area.

These properties, currently zoned as “Residential Single Family,” have long been designated for single-family dwellings, reflecting the character and vision of our community. This zoning has allowed residents to enjoy a peaceful and harmonious environment, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging. Rezoning and allowing mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development would disrupt this delicate balance and have several adverse effects on the area and its residents.

1. Loss of Neighborhood Aesthetics:

Introducing high-rise structures in a predominantly low-rise residential area would irreversibly alter the landscape and skyline, detracting from the natural beauty and aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood. Such a development would undermine the charm and ambiance that attracted residents to this area in the first place.

2. Increased Traffic Congestion:

A mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development would inevitably bring an influx of residents and visitors to the area, leading to a significant increase in traffic congestion. The existing infrastructure may not be equipped to handle the surge in vehicles, leading to compromised safety, longer commute times, and reduced overall quality of life for current residents.

3. Strain on Public Services:

The proposed development would also put a strain on existing public services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and emergency services. The sudden increase in population would require substantial investments in infrastructure to maintain the quality and accessibility of these essential services, which may not be feasible or efficient.

4. Environmental Impact:

High-density developments can have a significant environmental impact, including increased energy consumption, higher waste generation, and a greater strain on local resources. Rezoning and allowing a mixed-use development in this area could compromise the delicate ecological balance and negatively affect the local flora and fauna.

5. Loss of Community Character:

The proposed rezoning and development would fundamentally change the character of our community. The introduction of commercial elements may disrupt the residential fabric, potentially leading to a decline in property values, loss of community identity, and a sense of disconnect among residents.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that you carefully consider the implications of rezoning and permitting the proposed mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development in our neighborhood. I believe it is crucial to preserve the integrity and spirit of the existing "Residential Single Family" zone, maintaining the tranquil atmosphere and harmonious living environment that has defined this area for years.

I kindly ask that you prioritize the well-being and wishes of the current residents by rejecting the rezoning proposal and protecting the existing zoning regulations. By doing so, you would demonstrate a commitment to the principles of community-driven decision-making and ensure that our neighborhood remains a desirable place to live, raise families, and foster a strong sense of belonging.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will consider the concerns raised by myself and other concerned residents. I would be grateful for any opportunity to further discuss this issue and contribute to the dialogue surrounding the future development of our community.

Yours sincerely,

David Tong
Residence of 8988 Patterson Rd