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RE: Uplands Neighborhood Plan, Overlay, and TSP amendment - Testimony

I, Patty Schaffer, resident of the Uplands Neighborhood for 8+ years am in full support of the neighborhood plan overlay and TSP amendment.

Since I have lived in the Uplands neighborhood, the character has changed significantly due to new home developments. Homes are either being demolished or lots split and very large homes built that do not fit the character of the neighborhood. Yes, these are beautiful homes, but am astonished with the outright disregard of the negative impact it is causing neighbors. I believe this overlay will assist with reducing the impacts new buildings will have on neighboring properties.

The demographics of our neighborhood has slowly been shifting from “empty nesters” to young families. As time passes, I see many younger children walking to bus stops, walking to and from schools, and walking to our wonderful parks. In combination of an increase of children playing, more homes built which leads to more cars on the road. I have witnessed many instances in which cars and pedestrians share the road. I believe a pathway for walkers and bikers will reduce the risks of a dangerous situation.

Please take my thoughts into consideration when making your decision. As a neighborhood board member, I will take part in all steps necessary to partner with the City for achievement of these initiatives.

Thank you,

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