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**From:** Jan Liggett  
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Danny Freitas  
Grandridge Drive Resident for 18 Years

I am a longtime resident of Grandridge Drive, having moved here with my wife and children to escape the high-density, bustling environment of downtown, where I grew up for 26 years. My family home is still located on Veterans Way (formerly Ainslie Street), situated between the Galt Legion 121 and the infamous Overland Hotel. My mother has been a resident there for over 50 years, and I proudly visit her regularly to ensure everything is well in and around her home. These visits remind me of the need for affordable housing.

Grandridge Drive provided exactly what I sought: a quiet, family-friendly community with space and an escape from the downtown lifestyle. However, with minimal public notification—a yard sign barely visible from the road—I recently learned that the city intends to rezone a nearby lot for high- or low-density housing. With no physical Cambridge Times newspaper delivered to door, access to public notices is increasingly limited, making it difficult for residents to stay informed on such issues.

My concerns include:

1. **Traffic and Safety:** 0 Grandridge Drive is located on Highway 97, where high speeds and poor sightlines make entering and exiting challenging and dangerous. The lack of sidewalks also means pedestrians,

including children, are exposed to fast-moving cars and trucks, especially as they cross the highway to reach the few walkable areas.

2. Environmental Impact: Just a few years ago, this lot was the site of a tree-planting event where hundreds of young trees were planted by children, instilling pride in their contribution to the environment. Bulldozing this space for parking and high-density development undermines those efforts and sets a discouraging example about environmental stewardship for future generations.

3. Quality of Life: Increasing density in our area would bring with it noise, air pollution, parking issues, and a loss of privacy—all of which were factors I intentionally left behind when I moved away from the downtown core.

For these reasons, I oppose the proposed re zoning and any development. Our community's character, safety, and environmental values should not be compromised for high-density projects. Grandridge Drive was built as a low-density, family-oriented area, and I hope the city will recognize the importance of maintaining that character for current and future residents.

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