

Subject: RE: Rezoning Reference #12-21 - Response to council report

Good evening Mayor and Council.

I am writing to you all in response to the council report regarding the proposed tower at the corner of Halifax Street and Gilmore Avenue. I would like to thank the two councillors that requested City staff investigate our concerns with this proposed Tower, however I was not surprised to see that the report stated everything was acceptable with the development.

While it is clear the City is ok with this large building shadowing the Marquis Grande, and in combination with Aviara 2 will virtually eliminate the northwest views, I do request the City address the traffic in our local areas before construction on Aviara 2 and Millennium begin.

In the report it is clear that the extension of 1st Ave and the widening of Halifax will occur before occupancy of the related developments, however that will require the residents of Halifax to be subjected to traffic jams during rush hours (morning and evening). The report is clear that the roads will meet all specifications once completed, but what you will find is that the current situation has vehicles utilizing Halifax to short cut to Douglas Street. Compound this situation with two developments at the corner of Halifax and Gilmore and the result is residents living with 3-4 years of construction but also enduring 3-4 years of increased travel times just to leave our homes. As a note, construction at Aviara typically starts between 645-7am, and excavation has not started.

During the public hearing I heard that the Mayor and Council do care about their citizens health and well being. I request that the City makes the traffic improvements to 1st ave and halifax a priority and have them completed before development progresses.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this request to make my community livable while Brentwood grows.

Cheers,
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