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I would like to take just a moment to express to you – and to the Planning Commission, our deep concern for the inappropriate development at the O'Reilly's at 4156 Taylor Boulevard.

It is obvious that the developer has chosen to ignore the binding elements that were established, and agreed upon, during the zoning change / approval process. As you know, binding elements are included for very specific purposes – and in this case, to ensure that this particular area would receive a quality new business that would offer the aesthetic look that other areas of town enjoy.

The development is lacking critical elements such as brick siding, along with specific glazing & windows, as well as landscaping and a proper dumpster enclosure – all which were included and agreed upon by all parties during the Planning & Zoning process.

For years, this unsightly location sat empty and unoccupied so naturally we were greatly encouraged to see a new business and/or development being considered – and equally, we were more than happy to participate in the re-zoning process as well. It took well over six months to clear the site which included visits from city agencies that unfortunately had to issue the developer citation notices as proper screenings and safeguards were not in place. Now, I understand that the O'Reilly's development is asking for amendments to the original agreement so that they may avoid further costs or penalties. Had they followed the agreement in the beginning, they would not be asking for new conditions or amendments now.

I ask that the Planning Commission please consider the residents of the area and please uphold the original agreements set forth in the zoning change – including the original binding elements that were / are, in place to ensure this area of District 15 receives a quality addition to its landscape – not a pole barn.

Thank you for your kind attention to the matter.

Respectfully,

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