

444 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Louisville, KY 40202

March 16, 2021

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Sincerely,

Don Pitts President Beechmont Neighborhood Association From: Karen Maynard
To: Dock, Joel

**Subject:** Rezoning application

**Date:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:46:41 PM

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Hello, my name is Karen Maynard and I live at 4646 Southcrest Dr. I am writing to state that I am against any more rezoning of properties on our street, including the one at 4634 Southcrest Dr. Thank you.

Karen

Sent from my iPhone

 From:
 Amy Talbott

 To:
 Dock, Joel

 Subject:
 Rezoning case # 21-ZONE-0021

 Date:
 Tuesday, March 16, 2021 5:29:43 PM

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Joel,

I am contacting you to express my opposition to the rezoning at 4634 Southcrest Drive. I live near this house, at 623 W. Woodlawn Ave., and do not support this property becoming a duplex.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Amy Talbott

From: William Johnston
To: Dock, Joel

Subject: Rezoning of 4634 Southcrest Drive

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:35:46 PM

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Dear Mr. Dock,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to case # 21-ZONE-0021, filed by the owner of 4634 Southcrest Drive (Ms Aja Sherman) to rezone the existing residential single family dwelling to a two-family dwelling to allow for a duplex.

My wife and I have lived at 4636 Southcrest Drive for twenty five years and have raised three children, two of which still live with us. It was obvious to us that the higher standards of safety and lower crowding of single-family homes on this block were important when we moved here in 1996.

I urge you to disapprove the proposed rezoning.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our communities.

William R. Johnston - ("Butch") butchj1960@gmail.com 502.533.5497

# Affidavit of Knowledge

State of: Kentucky	
County of: Jefferson County	
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undersigned notary public, and under oath or affirmation make the following statements:	
<ol> <li>I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the State of Kentucky. I have personal kno of the facts herein, and if called as a witness, could testify completely thereto.</li> <li>I suffer no legal disabilities and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.</li> </ol>	
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 From:
 Beth Roche

 To:
 Dock, Joel

Cc: Gary Lair, Butchie Baby

**Subject:** 21-ZONE-0021 - 4634 Southcrest re-zoning request

**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:56:16 PM

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Mr Dock,

My family and I have lived at 4636 Southcrest Dr, directly next door to this property, since 1996. The fact that our direct next door neighbor was a single family home and not a duplex had a big impact on our choice to buy our home. During the following two and a half decades, 4634 Southcrest has been configured and used as a single family dwelling.

Ms Sherman purchased the property and reconfigured it as a duplex without going through the proper channels. She is a licensed realtor and owns other rental property and should be familiar with property zoning as well as the proper channels to go through to rezone a property. I do not believe her behavior and disregard for following the law and processes should be rewarded, especially considering her profession. Additionally, to grant her rezoning request after her actions encourages others to disregard laws and regulations that are in place.

Respectfully, Elizabeth Roché From: Shireen Deobhakta
To: Dock, Joel

**Subject:** 4634 Southcrest Drive - Opposition to Zoning Change (Case # 21-ZONE-0021)

**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 12:45:51 PM

Attachments: LDT Presentation.pptx

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Mr. Dock,

I am submitting this email and attachment as a resident of Southcrest Drive and as a member of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association. I am **opposed** to the zoning change from R5 to R5B for the property at 4634 Southcrest Drive (Case # 21-ZONE-0021).

I have attached a PowerPoint presentation outlining the reasons for opposition. In summary,

- •City Zoning R5 and Precedent: All houses on both blocks of Southcrest Drive are zoned R5. The applicant's request for rezoning is not in compliance with the predominant community form (*Comprehensive Plan 2040, Section 2.3.1*).
- •Applicant is not in conformance with Form District Regulations as stated in the Land Development Code (Section 5.1.2).
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- •Applicant's rents are a <u>barrier</u> to increasing affordable housing, which is a stated goal in the <u>Comprehensive Plan 2040 (Section 4.6 Housing, Goal 3, page 101)</u>.

Please make this a part of public record. I am also prepared to present the slide deck to the Planning Commission during the Planning Commission hearing. I appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback and am happy to answer any questions you may have. Can you also please confirm receipt of this email?

Thank you,

Dr. Shireen Deobhakta 4640 Southcrest Drive 502-836-0376 From: Dottie Krause
To: Dock, Joel

**Subject:** FW: Opposing zoning change on 4634 Southcrest Dr 21-ZONE-0021

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:38:15 AM

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Mr. Dock:

As a resident also on Soutchrest, I am submitting the following comments in support of my OPPOSING the zoning change to 4634 Soutchrest Drive.

- 1. The purchaser of the property is an absentee landowner. She purchased the property as is and in the current zone of R5, which is residential single family home. The home was NOT built as a duplex, and she failed to prove that with an architectural or historical survey during the BOZA process and lied about that. I provided an affidavit, attached during that process as having full knowledge the house was NOT build as a duplex and was not when she purchased it. Additionally she was non-compliant with renovations, neighbors complained and hence she was cited. Then the BOZA denied 2 times. She never applied for a CPU in which case she'd have to comply with the conditions or be revoked, and obsiviously she doesn't want that. But this would give neighbors some power on enforcement. So that is a view into her real agenda......
- 2. She purchased the property as a single family home and converted it into a duplex without the proper surveys, permits, etc. And it DOES not meet the codes for a duplex, i.e., not proper set back requirement all sides of the property, no firewall as articulated in current codes, etc.
- 3. Lack of knowledge of the codes, permits, laws etc. in the area DOES not constitute changing zoning for one property owner. There are 2 other properties on Soutchrest; 4604 and 4624, that have SEPARATE dwelling units on them, built that way 100 years ago that are also zoned R5. So that is further evidence that 4634 is not zoned incorrectly.
- 4. The process requires a public hearing with residents of area that states the owners intentions. On Mar 4 her attorney attempted to conduct this. However, it did not provide the required information. He didn't know the case that well, could not answer the attendees questions and used an inaccurate map to do a comparison of other zoning in the area. He did not use the map of the Southcrest that are the official Metro maps. I felt the meeting was conducted as "bully" session to run over residents as we're going to just do this, and you can't stop us mode. The information he provided was inaccurate and deceitful. Lastly, the attorney took our contact info and claimed he'd provide us with information as the process moves forward. He has not done that. I've yet to receive any information from him. I've

found it by doing my own research.

- 5. Does the LCD even apply to existing structures, or new development? My concern is with the deceit in this case so far, is this even the correct Metro processes to use?
- 6. Lastly, my biggest concern with this rezoning change is that is sets dangerous prescient of changing a residential 2 block street to a multifamily street, by developers buying when the zoning in single family home then developing out of codes and permits like she has, then changing the zone. This is unfair to other single family homes and their values, demises the neighborhood if the landlord is not responsible, increases the costs of rents and not providing affordable housing for people because it's now a commercial rental area.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information. And how do I keep abreast of meetings, public hearings, etc. as this process moves forward?

Thanks for taking my concerns.

Dottie Krause 502-777-9720



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# 4634 Southcrest Drive Presentation Opposing Zoning Change

Presentation prepared for the Planning Commission

By Neighbors with support of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association

March 22, 2021



## Summary

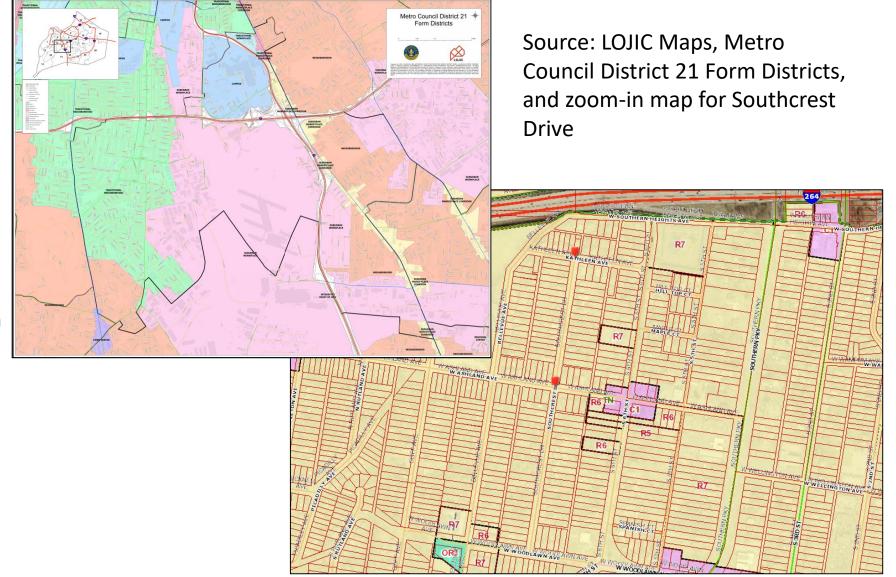
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All houses on Southcrest Drive (length of two blocks: 4500 and 4600) are zoned R5.

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Source: LOJIC Maps, zoom-in map for 4500 and 4600 Blocks of Southcrest Drive

# Non-Conformance with Form District Regulations

- Applicant has not followed Section 5.1.2 of the Land Development Code:
  - "Prior to the issuance of any building or site construction permit, a determination of conformance with these regulations shall be made by the appropriate Planning or Building Official. The form district regulations shall apply only to new construction and development, including expansions." (LDC 5.1.2)
- Applicant knowingly made renovations to the property to convert it from a single family to a duplex without consultation from Planning and Design or Code Enforcement.

# Public Health and Safety

- The **infrastructure** of the dwelling does not support use as a duplex.
- Applicant is <u>not</u> in compliance with the **fire** codes as articulated both by the Department
   of Public Health and Planning & Design. Both
   codes require the presence of a "firewall"
   between the 2 units.
- The requirement of "firewall" is roof to subterrain foundation with no openings in the wall to either side. This would include any utilities, which means there would need to be separate utility lines for the 2 units.

### **COMMUNITY FORM**



Encourage sustainable growth and density around mixed-use centers and corridors.

#### **Objectives**

- a. Centers and corridors, both existing and emerging, are promoted for investment.
- b. Diverse land uses are encouraged to promote quality of place and walkability in all neighborhoods.
- Higher density development is incentivized around appropriate infrastructure.
- d. Safe mobility options strengthen connectivity around centers and corridors.



Comprehensive Plan 2040, page 50

# Inequity in Housing

- We want to be clear that we do not oppose rental units in the Beechmont neighborhood.
- We conducted preliminary analysis of the potential rents for 9 adjacent properties on the same side of Southcrest Drive using the real estate website Zillow, and rent estimates provided on the website, listed as "zestimates."
- The average monthly potential rent for the 9 adjacent properties on Southcrest Drive is \$0.86 per square foot.
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#### Introduction

Housing is a necessity of life. The Housing plan element strives to enhance housing opportunities for all citizens of Louisville Metro. Promoting equitable housing means ensuring diverse, quality, physically accessible, affordable housing choices with access to opportunities, services and amenities. The Housing plan element guides fair and affordable housing practices by promoting affordable housing programs and formalizing policies that ensure the inclusion of affordable housing when financial incentives are given to housing developments. This plan element also promotes flexibility and housing programs for vacant lots and areas that were formerly redlined.

The Housing plan element contains three overarching goals, supported by a series of objectives and action-oriented policies to frame this community's vision for housing.

GOAL

Expand and ensure a diverse range of nousing choices.

**2** 

Facilitate the development of connected mixed-use neighborhoods.

GOAL GOAL

Ensure long-term affordability and livable options in all neighborhoods.

- not limited to, rent assistance, transitional housing, and shelters. Allow for supportive housing to be available for individuals entering or re-entering society upon their exit from residential care facilities, correctional facilities, foster care or similar institutions.
- Promote and encourage the inclusion of design features that make housing safer and/or are known to help reduce crime (i.e. lighting, fences, front porches).

#### Programmatic

- Incentivize the development of fair, affordable and accessible housing. Such incentives may include but not be limited to density bonuses for projects that include low/moderate income housing, waiving local fees as appropriate, and encouraging mixed-use projects that include
- Provide incentives that allow for smaller lot sizes in single family residential Zoning Districts to increase opportunity and limit the burdens associated with housing costs.
- tives such as the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Louisville CARES. Pursue a variety of sources and mechanisms including new financial and regulatory tools to preserve and develop housing units and various assistance programs for households whose needs are not met by the private market.
- Perform and update a county-wide housing needs assessment to evaluate current housing conditions and markets.
- 10. Support programs that assist homeowners with housing costs such as mortgage and home improvement loans in formerly redlined neighborhoods, according to "Redlining Louisville."
- Encourage neighborhood and community groups to provide resources to repair, maintain, improve and reuse distressed property in their communities.

Comprehensive Plan 2040, page 101 and 107

# Lack of Civic Engagement

- Applicant purchased property in Summer/Fall 2019
- Applicant has been through 2 hearings in front of the Board of Zoning and Adjustment, both of which were denied.
- Applicant has had 1
   neighborhood meeting on
   March 4, 2021 since having
   acquired the property 1.5
   years ago; this was a
   mandatory meeting per
   planning commission
   guidelines.
- There has been no civic engagement or collaboration.

### LIVABILITY

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Ensure equitable health and safety outcomes for all.

#### **Objectives**

- a. Neighborhoods have access to the resources necessary to maintain health and well-being, including healthy food, medical services and recreational opportunities.
- b. All neighborhoods are provided equal environmental protection.
- c. Community engagement ensures that citizens have the opportunity to be involved in efforts to create safe and healthy neighborhoods.
- d. Efforts to keep neighborhoods clean and livable including litter removal, graffiti abatement property maintenance enforcement and other similar programs are enhanced.



#### **Policies**

#### Programmatic

- Develop procedures and standards for continually engaging and including traditionally disenfranchised communities and individuals (the youth, elderly, people with low incomes or with disabilities, etc.) in the planning and develop-
- Encourage collaboration between government agencies, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, the Jefferson County League of Cities and its member cities, as well as other city/community organizations to improve accessible communication about the availability of resources and the planning and development process.
- resources and information for disabled residents and new foreignborn residents including interpretive services
- 4. Improve civic engagement processes that ensure that new developments and policies are brought into a neighborhood, so that residents have an opportunity to understand how these changes will impact their health and safety.

### Neighborhood Opposition to Zoning Change from R5 to R5B

I am signing this petition in response to the potential change in zoning for the property at 4634 Southcrest Drive (Case Number: 20-APPEAL-0006). I do <u>not</u> support a zoning change from R5 Residential Single Family Dwelling to a Duplex.

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