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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 50

Dear Northwood neighbor,

In regards to the Elysium Grand development, my staff and I have had many conversations with the Northwood officers, members of the neighborhood working group formed around the potential development, and many neighbors on an individual basis. Last year, I remained neutral on this project for several reasons, including access to public transit, transportation safety concerns, and the strained relationship between the developer and the neighborhood. I understand many of you continue to have concerns regarding a multi-family development, but, due to the likelihood that this project will receive some form of funding, I believe we must work with the developer to mitigate as many concerns as possible.

This year, the developer came back with a more viable plan, city council is giving the project a green light, and I have decided to write a letter in support for the following reasons:

- Elysium Grand will serve a greater number of residents who live below the area median income than previous iterations of this proposal.
- The developer, Saigebrook Development, has agreed to a Private Restrictive Covenant ensuring Northwood Neighborhood residents have input in Elysium Grand as the development moves forward.
- Caritas of Austin, a well-regarded local nonprofit that provides services to those with unstable housing situations, has confirmed they are working on an agreement with the developer to provide supportive services for future residents. Those supportive services are expected to include transportation assistance.

Recently, officers, working group members, and my office negotiated a Private Restrictive Covenant with the developer. While reducing the size of the project was not negotiable, we have worked to address as many other concerns as possible. As such, I'm asking neighbors not to oppose the project with TDHCA, but rather to continue to work with the developer to ensure the best possible community outcome.

As this project moves forward, my office is committed to working with the neighborhood and helping in any way we can. Should you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to my office by emailing District50.Israel@house.texas.gov or by calling us at (512) 463-0821.

Sincerely,

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