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Mayor Chadwick:

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I am writing to offer my concerns regarding the proposed Willowbrook development. I understand you are in favor of this proposal. I would like to offer two concerns:

1. The proposal includes, I believe, a higher density plan for homes within the present Hillsdale Development. There are just a few developments in the Treasure Valley that offer larger lots. Hillsdale was sold to buyers as one of those. Density in Hillsdale is R1 or larger. I would appeal to you that if present plans are approved, that lots within the development keep to that density (R-1). The present higher density plan will alter this development to co-mingle city and county properties; lower and higher density lots, city and county water. We bought here for the lower density offered by the former development plan. Please consider keeping the Hillsdale development as it was originally intended and keep the higher density lots for areas outside Hillsdale. I believe if you lived here, you would want the same.
2. The Willowbrook proposal will more than double the population of Star. It should therefore be carefully considered for the impact on infrastructure and, especially, on water use. Incorporating that many residents in this area will have a huge impact on our well water resources. Please take a careful look at that. We are in the midst of a drought, and who knows how long that will last? We should not make water use plans based on normal seasonal replenishments, but rather on what is available in dry years.

I understand the advantages to the city of a development of this size financially. I ask that you also consider the needs and desires of present residents as well. It is possible to do what is good for everyone, if we try.

Thank you.

Layne and Anadeane Galbraith

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*State of the City talk
was enjoyable and
enlightening.
Thank you!*