From: H. Micheal Wright
To: Ryan McCann

Subject: Substance abuse facility applications

Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 8:25:19 AM

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Dear Mr. McCann: I understand there are applications under consideration for substance abuse treatment facilities at Extension south of University, which I understand is an assisted living facility. Also, there is a substance recovery operation at the commercial building on University adjacent to the Walgreens at Extension. And there is some sort of facility at Westwood Plaza, just down the street. A map of abuse recovery centers shows that they dot West Mesa heavily, not even including halfway houses, group homes. Please note that as a resident and owner of a business in this area I am greatly concerned that such operations, albeit necessary to serve those in need, should be spread throughout the City and not concentrated so much in West Mesa, especially in this neighborhood as it tends to keep property values and attraction to business suppressed. Please consider this in any deliberations at the City.

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From: jackson@larryjohnwright.com

To: Ryan McCann

Cc: Councilmember Freeman

Subject: RE: Substance Abuse Facility on Extension & Second Place

Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 8:51:17 AM

Mr. McCann,

I am writing to share my displeasure with the possibility of the Substance Abuse Facility being placed on Extension Road and Second Place.

The biggest issue with this type of center is they hold people until "sober" and then just release them into our neighborhoods. Meth, Alcohol, other drugs.

I agree there are uses and needs for facilities such as this, but there is already one on Country Club, one on University and Alma School, and another on University and Extension not far from this place (just East of Walgreens) ALL of these effect the surrounding areas in a negative way and are all in my backyard... I live just off of Date and University and work on Alma School and University. We constantly have to kick drug users off of our office property (nearly daily) and find used syringes in abundance throughout our parking lot. We also have seen a huge increase in vagrant pedestrian and bike traffic in our neighborhood and there are times it becomes unsafe.

These facilities are TOO heavily concentrated in OUR neighborhood and they need to find a new place to go. I have spoken with doctors and many nurses who deal with the types of patients and addictions and have said "some" of these people who are "frequent offenders" are the worst of the worst.

We have enough issues with Light rail increased traffic, increased vagrancy, homeless and more in our backyard... we don't need another place for them to be let loose this close to home.

I am hoping to attend the meeting, but if not – Please allow this email and my thoughts above to speak for me and I could give you a list of 20-30 others who have echoed these remarks.

Thanks!

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