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City Council
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Dear City Council Members,

On March 5, 2007, the Novi City Council made a mistake by inappropriately hearing a presentation by Singh Development on a proposal called Legacy Parc for the Southwest Quadrant of the city. This proposal requested commercial and urban zoning and land use changes for an area of our city which has been dedicated as single family residential (R-A and R-1) in the Master Plan for Land Use of the city of Novi for decades. Members of the council made statements in support of the Singh proposal **prior to** evaluation and recommendations from the City of Novi Planning Department, a public hearing, and recommendations from the Planning Commission.

In the fall of 2007, the Planning Commission conducted a Master Plan review in which hundreds of residents and businesses participated. Over 90% of the participants opposed any changes to the zoning and land use for the Southwest Quadrant. In early 2008, an amended Master Plan for Land Use was unanimously adopted by the Planning Commission which preserved the R-A and R-1 residential zoning and land use for the Southwest Quadrant area. The City Council then unanimously approved the distribution of that same plan without change.

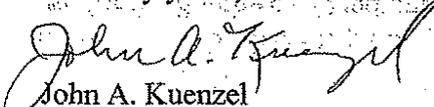
Two years later, on January 14, 2009, Singh Development finally brought their Legacy Parc commercial and urban proposal to the Novi Planning Commission for a public hearing. At that hearing, the Novi Planning Department recommended against the proposal. At that hearing, communications came to the Planning Commission from dozens of citizens who overwhelmingly opposed the Legacy Parc proposal. At the end of the hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously voted (7-0) to recommend to the City Council that the Legacy Parc proposal be rejected for numerous reasons.

It is my understanding that in spite of that overwhelming rejection, Singh Development is moving forward to bring their Legacy Parc proposal to the Novi City Council for approval, probably at the March 9, 2009 regular meeting of the Council. It appears that Singh Development believes that they have friends on the Council who will ignore the Master Plan, ignore the recommendation for rejection from the Planning Department, ignore the unanimous recommendation for rejection from the Planning Commission, and ignore the input from hundreds of residents over the past two years on this issue. Singh believes that those friends will vote to approve the Legacy Parc proposal.

Now is the time for the members of City Council to carry out their responsibilities as our representatives in our local government and make their actions reflect the will of the people.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely yours,


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President