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## Ordinance 04-24

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City Council Members,

I have met most of you, and know some of you well. My husband & I are 29 year residents of south Bexley, and have raised our children here. I have worked here all 29 years, and have owned my own local business for the last 10 years. As a residential architect, I consider myself one of the caretakers of Bexley's housing stock. Therefore, I take any change to the zoning code very seriously.

I am not opposed to new development on Livingston, Cassady, or even the Trinity apartments site. What I **AM** very concerned about is the height and density of these proposed developments. Our town has a quaint old-town feel that is going to be obliterated if we keep going higher and denser. There was a lot of opposition to the 4-story building at the corner of Cassady & Main, and that was approved. There was a lot of opposition to the 5 story building at the corner of Main & Dawson. That was approved. Now there is substantial opposition to the Trinity site at 6 stories, but it is getting approved. Where do we stop? Six stories? Seven? We are not a Lane Avenue in Upper Arlington or a Bridge Park in Dublin. Residents do not want this.

For the Livingston Avenue project, there is no building within a half mile of that site that is more than two stories. If built, it will literally stick out like a sore thumb. Not just in height, but in design as well. As a 20-year resident on Francis Avenue, I am extremely concerned about the density, and the effect this will have on traffic and parking in this area. Restriping Livingston Avenue into a two-lane road has been (I believe) good for controlling speed. However, it has made it very hard to turn right onto Livingston from Francis, and virtually impossible to turn left. This new development will be disastrous for Francis and Pleasant Ridge residents who try to exit out of Bexley to the south. This ordinance reduces required parking spaces, and doesn't take into account the fact that there is no longer any parking on Livingston.

I wanted to strongly encourage you to vote **AGAINST** this ordinance this coming Tuesday.

Thank you,

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