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Dear Mayor and Members of Council

I previously delegated and petitioned this municipal body to stop sprawl and develop within our urban boundaries.

I continue to **support** a firm urban boundary and, wholeheartedly, city staff recommendations to reject the proposals to develop the Elfrida parcel and the White Church lands.

The financial reporting on Asset management highlights a ballooning water and wastewater infrastructure deficit. The taxpayers of this city **cannot** afford to take on more infrastructure debt once the proponents get their way and the projects are complete.

Aside from the obvious financial burden these applications pose, I am strenuously opposed to the strawman argument used by the development lobbyists that we need to build in those natural spaces to meet our housing needs.

The costs of building for future growth must never overlook the hidden costs of future financial burdens of maintaining and monitoring the additional stormwater, wastewater and drinking water systems.

Considering that the city does not see the importance of attracting the best water and wastewater technicians and paying them accordingly is an indication of a deep misunderstanding of the precarity of these systems and the ability to provide safe drinking water to its citizens.

Kind regards,
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