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**KENT BAYS** <> To:  
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Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 4:42 PM

Mr Beckham ,

I'm contacting you in opposition to the proposed Town House Development on Milton . I spoke briefly at the meeting on Aug. 21 . That was my first time in that type meeting and was unprepared as to express certain points of my opposition .When I bought my home at 311 Edwards , there was a view of a family's large back yard , like most people , I bought a home to have a certain level of privacy . Had there been townhouses there then , I would have bought elsewhere . It seems anything myself or neighbors say will have any impact on the decision to let someone from out of state come into our neighborhood and change our lifestyle . Big companies with their money , have been doing it for a long time , I'm sure the city sees a chance to collect lots of tax money from the property . It's a shame that the citizens who have made their homes here have such a small voice . I've lived in this home for 20 years .

I do not buy into Mr Watson's opinion that his townhouses will improve my home value . I can see my property taxes going up , but my home's market value will certainly suffer . Mr Watson did offer to buy my home when we spoke in the lobby after the meeting . However , when he saw there was to financial gain in it for him , he backed out.

Our disabled niece lives with us and weather permitting likes to walk around the back yard for some exercise , with a certain level of privacy . That right would be taken from her with the construction of these townhouses . The construction workers gawking at her would make her too uncomfortable , even in her own back yard .

Mr Watson was very eloquent in his speech , building a 6 foot fence , he thinks , would maintain our privacy . This was obviously not his first zoning meeting . Of all his projects , this is his favorite city . Do you think his opening statement anywhere was ever " This is kind of crappy town , but I think I can still make a profit here anyway " . Mr Watson was, I think trying to remove objections about the added cars in the neighborhood by talking about parking places at the townhouses . The point that was missed I think was added traffic on these narrow streets . Just the construction project itself will bring a lot of traffic with equipment and workers . Would you want to hear construction chaos out your back door for probably a year or more ?

There are many vacant lots around town , there's some on Cowan near office buildings and apartments . The townhouses would be a better fit in that area . Why build them in a single family neighborhood ?

Feel free to pass this on to anyone you see fit . Feel free to contact me if you'd like . E-mail would be best . I work 8 to 5 weekdays and don't talk on my phone at work on personal business .

Thank you , Kent Bays      311 Edwards



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## Condominiums in Old Town

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**Dorine Stapp** <> To:  
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Sun, Sep 16, 2018 at 1:06 PM

Dear Mr. Beckham,

I live at 396 Edwards St. My husband and I purchased this home in April of 2017. We spent 11 months restoring it. We had planned to use this as an investment property but during the months we spent working on the house, we fell in love with Old Town and the people here. We moved into this home in April of this year. We love the small town feel. We love the history. We love the fact that there are multi generations that have chosen to stay right here vs moving. To me that says a lot about this area. We love walking to Main St. for dinner or a drink and a little shopping.

I am writing to you to ask that you please consider those of us that reside here before allowing large condominiums to be built inside the neighborhood. I am not opposed to multi family housing, I just ask that they be held to the same stands that we abided by when refurbishing our home. Three story condominiums are not attractive and they will tower over the existing homes and impede upon the privacy of the long term residents. I would love it if the developers would use the mid century design that defined Old Town. We love our rafter tails and large front porch. I understand growth and completely support it, I just ask that the center of our neighborhood be kept as single family zones. I believe there is plenty of space outside of the neighborhood to build multi family structures and to please consider the era of the neighborhood when approving design.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday evening so I ask that this email serve as my voice in my absence.

Sincerely, Dorine Stapp

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)