

January 21, 2019

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Dear Mr. Skidmore:

I received your letter noting your upcoming neighborhood meeting on January 24, 2019. I understand your firm will present a preliminary development plan to construct a funeral home and chapel in Oak Lawn Memorial Garden, located at 13901 S Black Bob Road, in Olathe. Due to business travel, I am unable to personally appear and submit this letter to share my concerns.

Oak Lawn is surrounded on three sides to the east of Black Bob by residential communities. As a resident of the Meadowridge community, I selected this area due to the sense of community, safety, and relatively quiet environment. Many residents whose homes are adjacent to Oak Lawn enjoy a beautiful park-like setting in their backyards, with minimal activity to disrupt their view of its natural landscape.

The addition of a commercial enterprise would bring in increased traffic which would extend into evening hours, as well as light pollution both from permanent light fixtures surrounding the facility and headlights sweeping across the grounds and our backyards for evening funeral services. The sense of safety and quietness would be permanently altered, with the potential to negatively impact our home values.

I have no personal objection to the funeral business or construction of a funeral home in the Olathe community at large. However, a funeral home is a commercial business which belongs with other businesses. The zoning laws are established to protect the residents and owners of the particular zone whether they be residential, commercial, agricultural, ect. Owners of the property in the surrounding area should feel assured that such zoning determinations remain intact, both throughout the duration of their personal ownership and for future investors. As well as the environmental concerns and impact this would have on our investments.

Residents of our community should make it clear that a commercial enterprise belongs in a commercially- zoned area and not literally in the backyards of numerous residents who purchased their homes for the safe, quiet and beautiful natural environment.

Sincerely,



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cc: City Olathe Planning Commission  
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Lester Klein, President, Meadowridge HOA