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To the Planning Commission:

I recognize and appreciate all the work that has gone into addressing the many concerns about this development.

I'd like to offer two additional suggestions:

One: that noise reduction windows be considered for all units rather than only for the units next to Hwy 305, to mitigate the noise from the VM generator, especially since the generator is quite a bit louder than Hwy 305. Perhaps the City and/or HRB could apply for grant money to subsidize the cost. When I look at University and government sponsored noise testing studies online, the 85 decibels estimate noted in the City Engineer's report seems to greatly underestimate the volume from the generator. The studies cite *food blenders operating at 88 decibels, mowers at 96 decibels, and leaf blowers at 106 decibels...* The huge VM generator is louder than any of those. The former Code Enforcement Officer apparently was not able to get an actual reading from the VM generator at the proposed residential site because its monthly run time is after business hours. It also runs 24/7 whenever power fails, and it has run at least 3 times for up to 7 hours during the night because of various problems. It seems that a decision to approve affordable housing directly next to an unmitigated known environmental hazard, would undermine the City's goals regarding equity issues.

I'd also like to suggest that to alleviate noise from garbage dumpsters, plastic tight covered bins be considered in the enclosed and covered structures rather than metal dumpsters.

With gratitude for all your efforts,
Cyndi Merritt