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Ms. Boles, Mr. Morrow, and Alderwoman Lanier and all members of the MPC and City Council

As a long-time resident of the Highlands and an actively engaged member of our community, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of 9.8 acres of land diagonally across from Parker's at Benton and Highlands Blvd.

The developer claims this rezoning is necessary to support future businesses, citing a lack of residential density. But that logic is flawed—and frankly, outdated. According to the developer's own numbers, this rezoning would increase multifamily residential development in the Godley Station PUD to 403.33 acres of the 507 allotted. However, the Highlands Neighborhood Association (HNA) has found that 98.53 acres are unaccounted for, which would push us right around intended capacity.

These zoning metrics were put in place 26 years ago, and while the world around us has changed, the infrastructure in our neighborhood has not kept pace. We are already feeling the impacts—crowded schools, congested roads, and strained public services. Adding more multifamily development in this location would only worsen those issues.

The developer has also offered a so-called "compromise" by clearing 5 acres of land near Jimmy DeLoach for community use. While that may sound generous on paper, it's not a meaningful benefit in reality. That

location is too far for our youth to safely walk to, it's not easily accessible, and would require significant ongoing maintenance by the City of Savannah. It's not a true community space, it's a box to check, and many of us have already said it's not useful or wanted.

This isn't responsible development. It's an attempt to push through overgrowth under the guise of economic need, while ignoring the actual needs, concerns, and daily realities of the people who live here.

I urge you to stand with us—the residents, the parents, the neighbors who have built this community—and vote NO on this rezoning request.

Respectfully,

Jasmine Polley

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Sent from my iPhone