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West Lafayette City Council
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing this letter in support of rezoning the 20 acres North of Wake Robin Subdivision from business to R3W. My property borders this same line making it part of 22 houses that do so, and accounts for about ten percent of its length. My family and I have lived here for 20 years.

Three years ago I Attended both the Area Planning Commission and County Commissioners meetings and spoke out against changing this 20 acre zoning from R1 to business. My reasoning being that it was too radical of a shift. I, and I would imagine the other home owners, thought this land would be developed as more R1. I pointed out that Area Planning and the County had done a good job of transitioning in other locations such as the Southwester corner of US 52 and the new 231. There you have businesses on US 52 with R3 apartment buildings behind them and then R2 to the south of the apartments, creating a buffering transition.

When viewing the proposed R3W, I see very nice, up scale, two story duplexes having a variety of designs that would fit in well with the existing R1 homes bordering them. What would not be there is the light pollution from taller and brighter business parking lot lights, nor the sound pollution of business traffic, and if food stores are involved, the smell pollution that can come from them.

With this proposal for the 20 acre lot and the additional proposal for the ten acre lot on the North side of Cumberland Ave. to be zoned to all business, a smother transition with buffers will be achieved for all concerned. I believe this would be a development that would serve this growing community well. And I urge you all to accept it.

Sincerely, 

Randolph Leigh