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Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121
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Cottonwood Heights City Counsel
Cottonwood Heights City Hall
2277 Bengal Blvd.
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

Cottonwood Heights City Counsel:

I hope that you will take steps to strengthen the position of the current Big Cottonwood Creek Canyon residents, by maintaining strict adherence to the current zoning of our narrow canyon for single family homes and enforce the recently signed Riparian Ordinance to maintain the natural habitat of the canyon.

I am very concerned that the addition of 600-800 cars on our two-lane canyon road will create a constant traffic jam, and make it impossible for emergency vehicles to access residents in case of an emergency or a fire. It will also significantly impact commute times, and may even become dangerous, as it becomes more & more difficult to enter the main road from each of the housing areas. The road was never designed to handle the kind of traffic that the Papermill Village Project proposes, and therefore it should be stopped.

In addition, tearing down the most iconic monument to our pioneer heritage here in the Cottonwood Heights area is the equivalent of telling Rome to bulldoze The Historic Ruins of Rome. In every other culture (Jerusalem, Greece, etc.) when ruins are discovered, all building is stopped, until the ruins can be preserved.

My husband's 3rd Great-Grandfather was the architect of The Deseret News Paper Mill and my children's and grandchildren's 4th & 5th!
The Henry Grow Family Association is very concerned with The Papermill Village Project proposal to tear it down and replace it with apartment buildings! Our hope is that The Old Mill will be preserved in its present status as a historical building, until its better future can be determined by historical restoration groups in conjunction with The Henry Grow Family Assoc.

Lastly, the whole character of our beautiful canyon is at stake. Currently the path and the road are used & enjoyed extensively by walkers, joggers, & cyclist seeking exercise & respite from home & office. With increased emissions polluting the air and the noise from the road when traffic is backed up due to the lack of outlets along the road, neither plants, animals or humans will be able to enjoy the experience. Please be a spokesman for the natural habitat of our canyon. Due to its narrow, winding nature, It was never meant for high traffic!

Sincerely,
Deborah L. Bush