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## South Weber City Council

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Here are my strong comments. Let me know what you think.

To the South Weber City Council:

I wish I could be there in person tonight to speak but I am out of town, I was also out of town last Thursday for the Planning Commission meeting. However, I have very strong feelings that I would like heard and put on record, so I have asked for a family member to read my comments. I am going to be bold yet sincere. I want my voice heard loud and clear too!

There has been a lot of loud voices in opposition to much of what has been happening lately in South Weber. While there is some merit to some of their arguments, they do not have all the answers nor do they speak for everyone in the community. It appears though, they believe the loudest voices or the majority of voices should rule the day. That is not how it works!

I also have seen public officials fold out of peer pressure, intimidation and public clamor. That is also not the way it should work. There has been years and hundreds if not thousands of man hours put into planning, researching, forecasting, designing and implementing zoning and other ordinances. Then out of threats, intimidation and basic bullying, city officials, that should make sound decisions for the overall, long term benefit of the community at large, have caved to aggressive voices in order to look popular or in touch with citizens. Even worse, there are those city officials doing what THEY want for themselves, pushing their own agenda because of personal biases, wants and desires. Is this not a conflict of interest?

The overused term of "listening to constituents" means listening to ALL constituents, not just the loudest and boldest ones. We are ALL constituents. The minority voices should also be part of the process.

I'm also very concerned as I have heard several city officials make flippant comments regarding the State of Utah's goal and desire, even mandate, that cities incorporate in their planning, moderate and low income housing. We are part of a bigger community than just South Weber.

I've heard city councilman as well as planning commissioners say things such as, "we don't care what the state wants or mandates, we will do what we want, so to heck with what the State wants", and other similar comments! Really? Is that responsible government? How disappointing and alarming!

Are we really that arrogant and snobbish in South Weber? What if 20 years ago city officials were to say, "we only want and will allow million dollar homes in South Weber"? Who would be here today making the same kind of noise that has been made over the last several months!

What if the citizens of South Weber, 35 years ago refused to put in a sewer system? How many of you would not be here tonight because development would have stopped?

Look around you. This state is bursting at the seams along the Wasatch front and back. Land is expensive. One way to provide more affordable housing it's to go up, not out. Going up does not have to be unsightly, in fact there is much of it that looks more desirable than 2 story cookie cutter townhouses.

A lot of People, including many here tonight, think they are being smart, wise, doing good planning by going with a smaller density per acre. Observe how many of the 4, 5, 6 or 7+, story condominiums/apartments are appealing to thousands of residents all along the Wasatch Front. They are stylish, more affordable due to land costs, greatly desired and frankly can't be built fast enough.

Not your cup of tea? Fine, you have your desired type of housing, now let others choose theirs. In some areas such as our property, I would prefer a high view of the mountains with underground parking and an elevator that takes me to my floor. I would prefer to have a more walkable neighborhood where I could do some minor shopping, dining, using some useful services close to home and even walk to a transit station to avoid driving in congested traffic. Think of the future not just 2019.

Don't give me the, we need a fire truck that can reach the top floor. Really, does New York have such a truck or even Salt Lake City? Of course not. That's what sprinkling systems are for.

How many older residents of South Weber would enjoy living in a complex with amenities such as those described above along with no stairs to climb, and no yard to take care of, regardless of size, yet would like staying in South Weber close to family and friends? A zone only allowing duplexes, four-plexus or even six-plexus does not cut it and may in fact look less desirable.

Now again, I would like to say something to those wishing to impose their desires with the remaining undeveloped property of South Weber:

- IF ITS NOT YOUR PROPERTY, YOUR RIGHTS TAKE BACK SEAT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE LANDOWNERS!

-If you want to impose your desires on someone else's property, BUY IT!

-If you want to keep South Weber rural, buy all the rural land you want but DON'T tell those other landowners what to do with THEIR property!

No, not all uses make sense in all areas, but for those areas where some things make sense, stop reversing years of prudent planning because of shouting voices of those who don't own the property!

Don't let your mistake with one project, overpower you with short sightedness because you want to appear repentant of your wrongdoings. Were you really bamboozled or just not paying attention? You caved to peer pressure, public clamor, and lack of proper vision and eliminated what could be proper options for the proper circumstances. You threw the baby out with the bath water.

Don't do it again tonight by being shortsighted or selfish with high density or mixed use zones. If you are confused or don't quite know what to do, table it. Don't make knee jerk decisions because the mob is staring you down!

Please hear what I am saying, I plead with you!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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# CC 2019-11-19 Addendum #2 Peek

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**Subject:** South Bench Drive

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like this letter read out loud at the Combined City Council Planning Commission on Oct. 22. I would like to let you know I disagree completely with the proposed South Bench Drive. I, as a land owner was not contacted, and our property would be greatly affected as this road would destroy our family farm. Our city does not need a road of this nature, and it would ruin South Weber. I request that it be taken off of the General Plan and off of our property. I am also requesting that our property be left as on the 2014 General Plan.

Sincerely,

Ray Peek