

Re: Public Hearing on the Proposed 16-1593 request by Diana Hauser and Alisa Woodruff dba Off Leash K9 Training for a conditional use permit on R-1 Residentially zoned property

My name is Glen Holt - I am an adjoining property owner. In fact, my home is about 100 feet from the property line. I have lived there for 35 years. We have many reasons for opposing this type of facility in our community, one being safety. As you know dogs have a tendency to escape their confines by digging under, climbing over, or simply walking through gates being left open. I once had a lab at 6 months climbing up and jumping off a 5 ft. fence. Fencing is not guaranteed to keep us safe. Many of these dogs will be aggressive breeds, where shock collars cannot be trusted to contain. Shock collars have a reach range and are not always effective. The statistics on deaths by dog attacks is frightening. This business, in a residential community, is especially dangerous for our great grandchildren playing in the yard, us as seniors, and the community as a whole. Business of this nature should be in an area where residences are not. My wife and I are not able to move quickly and fearful that we cannot get outside, relax, and enjoy the community we live in, if this permit is granted. If permitted, this business facility will be changing the residential environment of the community and does not promote the wellbeing of our family or the neighborhood.

We don't want to hinder someone from using their property as a residence, but we ask for a decision to be made that benefits the existing whole community rather than a new request for one business. We ask to live on our property in the manner in which we desired to live when we purchased it; therefore we respectfully ask that you NOT grant this request for this property. The proposed use is not essential nor desirable for the public welfare. It does not promote public health, safety and general welfare of the people represented by the petitions.

For all these reasons we are against allowing this property to be developed as a K9 off-leash training facility. Thank you.