DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, September 10, 2018
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

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**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, immediately following the regular Planning Commission hearing, in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, to discuss (1) Downtown Master Plan Update and (2) County Accessory Dwelling Units.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

[Commissioner Scheer absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 15, 2018. **APPROVED: 8-0; (Scheer absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   **COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT:**

   1.1 Special Permit 25COC, to increase the number of students and staff, on property generally located at 17705 South 12th Street.

   **FINAL ACTION**

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 16, 2018: 8-0 (Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01615.

2. **REQUESTS AND FOR DEFERRAL:** None.
3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGEND:** None.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** None.

**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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**Adjournment:** 1:04 p.m.

**PENDING LIST:**

- Annexation No. 18003, to annex approximately 24.1 acres, more or less, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road.

- Change of Zone No. 18015, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to R-3 (Residential District), on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road.

- Special Permit No. 18022, for a 55 lot CUP (Community Unit Plan), with waivers to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grades, block length, pedestrian easements, lot lines radial to streets, 2 to 1 side slope for detention embankments, and sidewalks along one side of a street, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road. **FINAL ACTION**
Memorandum

Date: ✦ August 29, 2018
To: ✦ City Clerk
From: ✦ Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ✦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ✦ Planning Commission
    ✦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 21, 2018 through August 27, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18037, to Final Plat No. 14103, Wilderness Hills 6th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on August 24, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the final plat, generally located at S 32nd Street and Tree Line Drive.
Memorandum

Date: September 4, 2018

To: City Clerk

From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.

Re: Administrative Approvals

cc: Planning Commission
    Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 28, 2018 through September 3, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18034, to Final Plat No. 17101, Charleston Heights 7th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on August 28, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the final plat, generally located at N. 10th Street and Hickory Hill Lane.

Waiver No. 18004, South Pointe Parking Garage, approved by the Planning Director on August 29, 2018, to allow a waiver to outdoor lighting design standards for parking lot poles adjacent to the parking garage, generally located at S 32nd Street and Pine Lake Road.
I realize that this email will likely not be read before tonight's council meeting. However, I still want to express my support of the 13th street project plans to modify the road network on order to make it more safe. My family is relatively new to Lincoln (less than two years), and I especially felt that I need to take my time and learn the facts once I was made aware of the issue.

In short, I support the plan for multiple reasons. I believe that data which cites improved safety (fewer accidents on a street which currently has more than its share) with the proposed improvements. I am in support of creating new bike lanes in a heavily traveled area. After all, Lincoln prides itself in being cyclist friendly. Thirdly, a friend reminded me that encouraging cyclists to stay off of sidewalks improves safety for pedestrians, especially the elderly and children.

I regret not being able to be there in person for the council meeting; I am home with a new baby and my preschooler.

--Cynthia Piepenbrink
Concerned Citizen of Lincoln, NE
Hello,
My Beloved Randy Gibson was one of our State and City’s top bicycle commuters, until he was plowed down in broad daylight, by a drunk man driving a vehicle, while cycling last September 23.
We were married 27 years and have two surviving children, Sofia and Russ. Russ also rides a bicycle, as I do.
I don’t wish our loss on any of you or those dear to you. It’s a pain no human should know.
One promise I have made to my Beloved Randy, is that I will speak my loud voice in advocating for increased bicycle safety in and around Lincoln.
For over 20 years Randy commuted from our Irvingdale Neighborhood, to his office in the Haymarket. I know from his expertise and decades of cycling experience, he always considered 13th Street a death trap. Asking both Russ and I to stay away from it on our bikes.
Now that Randy is tragically gone and our City is looking to improve this area of commuting, I felt the need to speak up. This new plan makes for a safer route for all cyclists -from experts to those less experienced recreational cyclists, those who Cycle strictly for commuting to work or school, and of course our younger cyclists. I also feel this will make intersections safer for pedestrians in such a high traffic area of town.
I plan to be at the meeting this evening but due to my frequent teariness, will request someone else read this email.
Thank you for your time,
Christine (Christy) Gibson
Hi Jon –

I wanted to drop you a note to share my concern about moving forward with the proposed change to 13th right now.

I understand the safety concerns and trust our city traffic engineers, but I would prefer you wait for the Downtown Strategic Plan recommendations prior to taking action as we may benefit from a more systemic solution.

As you know from last week’s Downtown Strategic Plan update, our consultants will be making recommendations that could further constrict north – south traffic into and out of downtown. Their preliminary seven pillar projects include:

- 9th St drive lane reduction - for easier pedestrian crossings
- 10th St drive lane reduction – for easier pedestrian crossings
- 11th St drive lane reductions – for a Linear park
- 16th St drive lane reductions – for a bike path
- 17th St drive lane reduction – for a bike path

Please delay action on the 13th Street lane reductions until all Downtown Plans are finalized.

Thank you for your consideration,

Clay Smith

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City Council - Contact
Date: 8/27/2018 5:29:23 PM

name  Keith Dubas
address  1712 E Street
city  Lincoln
state  NE
zip  68508
email  kwdubas@windstream.net

comments  Dear City Council Members:

I urge you to support the changes to 13th Street. I travel by auto south from South Street to Highway 2 frequently where there are 2 lanes plus a turning lane. I do not find the traffic to be bottle necked at any time. Of course it is heavier at rush hour, but never a serious problem. Also there is a great need for safe bike lanes to serve the City into and from the downtown and University campus. This change would greatly improve the safety of bike traffic. Please vote against any resistance to the proposed change. Thank you for considering this issue and thanks for the many hours you serve our city.

Keith Dubas, 1712 E Street, Lincoln, Ne. 68508
Council Members,

Please vote to support the proposed safety improvements on 13th street. "2+1" lane configuration won't impede traffic and it will make 13th street safer.

Thank you,

Christy Aggens
1912 Harwood Street
To clarify. We believe the street NEEDS to be changed to the 3 lane with bike lanes.

Thank you,
Julie Sonderup

Sent from TJK Investments iPhone

> On Aug 27, 2018, at 8:55 AM, TJK <tjkinvestments@aol.com> wrote:
>  
> Please accept our email as SUPPORT for the Safety Plan. 
> As a Lincoln company in the business of building and renting housing, we can tell you that the fact that Lincoln strives to make pedestrians and cyclists safer on and around our roads, is a big draw for tenants. Prospective tenants from other cities consider Lincoln, in large part, because of our wonderful trail system and walking neighborhood vibe. 
> We need more to attract the tech types! 
>  
> Julie and Kris Sonderup 
> 402-309-9308 
>  
> Sent from TJK Investments iPhone
Please don’t delay this project – there is no just basis to do so.

I was out of town, but I’m glad my daughter, Maren, got up and spoke on behalf of this project.

Thanks,

Nick

Nick Steinke, P.E., CPEA, SFP
Principal, Compliance Services Manager
nsteinke@tellevate.com
402-730-1660
Dear Council Members,

I would like to express my opposition to Resolution 18R-207, the proposal to put on the November ballot a question as to term limiting the mayor’s office. I find the timing of this action to be a blatantly political move designed to create maximum advantage for the Republican candidate for mayor. I would agree with Mr. Earl Scudder’s comments, given the timing and the proponents of this initiative, that "this petition is illegally partisan and unconstitutional, and unethically restricts voters’ rights to choose a mayor. It seeks to prevent voters from choosing to vote for Mayor Chris Beutler."

I am quite happy with Mayor Beutler’s tenure as Lincoln’s mayor, and do not appreciate this sneaky attempt to remove him from the ballot next spring. A free and fair election next spring should determine whether the voters wish for Mayor Beutler to have a 4th term, not some political chicanery cooked up by influential partisans. Please vote against this resolution to place the proposed term limiting language on the November ballot.

Kind Regards,

Seth Felton
Hi, Arborist Joe!

I’m forwarding your informative communication regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) to City Officials. Thank you for sharing. Sincerely, Wayne

> On Aug 28, 2018, at 10:05 AM, Joe Mangan <jmangan@thetreeconsultants.com> wrote:
> >
> > Hello Wayne
> >
> > It’s official EAB is present in Lincoln. It has been here for at least two years or else it probably would not have been detected.
> >
> > I spent most of the summer (until this last weekend) in northeast Iowa treating ash trees. It was very instructive to have firsthand knowledge and experience in EAB active communities.
> >
> > Waterloo-Cedar Falls (MSA population 170,000) was toast. Two-thirds or more of the ash trees in these two cities were symptomatic. Significant canopy loss with low limbs growing a profusion of sprouting sucker branches were unmistakable and all too common in the hundreds if not thousands of ash trees I observed throughout those cities.
> >
> > The take away: EAB spreads quickly in high density Ash tree communities.
> >
> > However, I did find ash in smaller communities 20 or more miles from Waterloo-CF which were much less symptomatic. A two or three year differential with little to no symptoms in the majority of trees both public and private. Therefore, I focused my treatment efforts in four smaller communities.
> >
> > Homeowners whose trees I treated were keen on protecting them and vocal on community action, inaction or the decision of the city councils to remove all ash trees on public land. Such were Waterloo-Cedar Falls. Badly mismanaged. They appear to be behind the curve with their reactive removal policy. All in all it was a valuable experience for me and time well spent.
> >
> > Hopefully I can share broadly my experience as well as my ash protection program back home here in Lincoln.
> >
> > Do you think the Lincoln city council will adopt the amendment to allow property owners to adopt and treat ROW/street trees? If they are undecided or disinclined, I would welcome the opportunity to make a pro-adoption and urban canopy preservation case. As you know I think it is good stewardship of city resources to protect quality trees and ash trees.
> >
> > Thanks
> >
> > Joe Mangan
Julie,
Thank you for being the sole LIBA member brave enough to testify against the proposal to keep 13th Street 4 lanes. I’m sure there are many more LIBA members who believe in proven best practices but lacked your integrity to stand up for what you believe.
Thank you
Pat Anderson

Sent from my iPhone
Good afternoon Charlie,
Thank you for your interest in the 13th Street safety improvement project and how it might affect transit along that corridor. Rest assured that Transit Manager, Mike Davis has been involved in the design process and has served as a strong advocate for accommodating both Startran bus operators as well as patrons.

Below is the information gathered by Mike and the Traffic team:

Currently, bus route schedules for the 13th Street corridor indicate 30 minute headways (time between buses).  

As a result, during the peak hours of operation when traffic flow is largest, at most 2 buses are likely to be present along the corridor in each direction. Along the majority of the project segment, the bike lane and buffer will provide adequate space for the buses to be out of through traffic flow. In the northern segment, the design is evaluating bus turnouts at the busiest locations to allow for the buses to be out of the through traffic flow. As a note, buses currently operate and stop along the 3-lane section south of South St., where there are not bus turnouts.

In regards to conflicts between buses and bikes, we have not currently experienced notable problems with this in other similar sections — such as UNL campus (Vine Streets and 16th Street) since implementation of bike lanes. For additional background, here’s an example report from Philadelphia on the specific topic: [https://www.dvrpc.org/reports/09041.pdf](https://www.dvrpc.org/reports/09041.pdf) It found that only 2.6 percent of bus crashes involved bicyclists (and 1.8% of bicycle crashes involved buses). Only 22% of bus/bike crashes took place on streets with bike lanes (so only 0.6% of bus crashes involved bicyclists in bike lanes...and only 0.4% of bike crashes in bike lanes involved buses). The primary type of bus-related crash was actually found to be crashes between bicyclists and boarding/alighting passengers—when a bus fails to pull to the curb, passengers are boarding/alighting, and bicyclists pass to the right of the stopped bus (running into passengers).

With the long transit headways on 13th street, and with good design that makes pulling to the curb easy, this type of crash should be exceedingly rare. Moreover, collisions between buses and bicyclists can be minimized by checking that the bike lane is clear and to signal before entering the bus stop.
In addition, the 13th Street improvements will improve pedestrian access to transit. Below is an example from Charlotte, NC which demonstrates that a strong transit system goes hand-in-hand with a safe and efficient street, bicycle and pedestrian network. In the “Manual on Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections to Transit” published in August of 2017, the types of improvements that we will see on 13th Street are presented as ways to improve pedestrian access to transit.

![Figure 5-3](image)

In a nutshell, the 13th Street Improvement Project will result in improved safety and traffic operations along the project limits from South St. to downtown. Much information has been shared with the community and the benefits of this type of project are profound. The project website can be accessed at: [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/projects/13th/lincoln-mall-south/#s](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/projects/13th/lincoln-mall-south/#s) (lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: 13th) as well as other links on local studies that led to this project:

1) South of Downtown Revitalization Plan, 2016

[http://lincolnsouthdowntown.org/file_download:inline/0bdf3150-85f4-4cd2-a82d-06384bd75564](http://lincolnsouthdowntown.org/file_download:inline/0bdf3150-85f4-4cd2-a82d-06384bd75564)

2) 13th Street Traffic Study Report, 2018 (This is the final analysis of crash data, traffic volumes, potential impacts, etc.)


Thanks again for sharing your concerns. We hope this answers your question and that you feel assured that we have considered public transit as an integral piece of the project. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Mike directly.

Thank you, Charlie!

Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
O: 402.441.6173
C: 402.525.0065
To the Mayor and the Members of the Lincoln City Council

I am writing to you with concerns about the improvement project that is being proposed for South 13th Street.

I understand the ideas of the project, but I don't think that the plan works well with the StarTran bus route on 13th Street. We are creating a conflict with buses and bicycles with a bicycle lane at the edge of the street. Bus operators have to cross into the bicycle lane to be able to stop for passengers.

Currently when a bus is stopped in the right lane to pickup or drop-off passengers, there is still a lane available for traffic to continue. With the proposed change to one lane in each direction, with a center turn lane, the traffic will have to stop behind a stopped bus or move into the center turn lane to pass.

The idea of a center turn lane to lessen the stopping of traffic flow seems like a good idea. In practice, cars that enter the center turn lane from opposite directions, such as turning into driveways, end up almost hitting head-on.

I hope that in making any decision in changing 13th Street, that these items will also be taken into consideration.

Thank you,

Charlie Schroeder
President ATU Local 1293
busdrivercharlie@gmail.com
(402)540-8898
I live at 13 & G. I am in favor of the proposed changes to 13th Street from four lanes to three. I’m tired of LIBA speaking for the residents of our neighborhood. LIBA does not represent our neighborhood. Please vote FOR the changes to 13th Street. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone
For the people, strongly support.

Get Outlook for Android
Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Subject: InterLinc - Contact

City Council - Contact

Date: 8/28/2018 12:33:27 PM

name: Joseph Dorenbach
address: 3115 Ryons Street
city: Lincoln
state: NE
zip: 68502
email: Jdorenbach57@gmail.com

comments: Thanks for your consideration in voting to go forward with the 13th Street project designed to improve neighborhood safety.

Early this year I emailed you requesting that LES change their cold weather disconnect policy and was wondering whether or not there was any resolution regarding that issue.

Once again thanks for your service to our community!

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Jennifer

Thank you for your email.

Under Nebraska statute, the City Council is required to vote to put the term limit measure on the ballot in November. The Lancaster County Election Commissioner certified that the petition initiative provided ample qualified signatures.

At this stage, all the City Council should do this evening is take a vote and adjourn. The discussion on the merits of the measure should remain outside City Hall, regardless of one’s agreement or disagreement with the topic. By law, elected officials of the City are not to campaign nor participate in campaigns in their official capacities—nor should City resources be used in pursuit of political matters.

Thank you for participating as a citizen and contacting my City Council colleagues and me.

Best regards,

Jon

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**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

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**City Council - Contact**

**Date:** 8/29/2018 8:26:14 AM

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**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68502  
**email** jjorges@yahoo.com

**comments** I think it is absolutely unethical and shameful to attempt to enact term limits in the middle of someone's run for any office—whether I agree with them politically or not. I also find it disappointing that some of you on the city council want to take the public's voice out of this debate by not having it on the ballot. Lincoln voters have the right to vote on this issue as enough signatures were collected to get it on the ballot and YOU have an obligation, working for us, to ensure our voices are heard—not squash dissent. I hope you will all do the right thing for Lincoln—not your personal political careers. I applaud those of you standing up for what is right. Keep it up—the voters remember.

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City Council - Contact

Date: 8/29/2018 8:54:34 AM

name: Cynthia Brammeier
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city: Lincoln
state: NE
zip: 68510
email: Cynthia.brammeier@gmail.com

comments: Regarding term limits in Lincoln:
If term limits are to be pursued, they should be for all city elected officials, not just one office. If they are applied to current office holders, then everyone should be treated the same. If an office holder has already served the limit that passes, they should be replaced.

The legislature is subject to term limits. When this was implemented, a staggered implementation schedule was established in the bill. A similar format should be set up for city positions if it is pursued.

Thank you -
I would like to voice my opposition to the idea to add a term limit to the position of Lincoln's Mayor. I think Term Limits are in general a bad idea. This has been demonstrated with the decimation of the institution memory of the state senate as term limits came into effect. Term limits only serve to limit the choice of the voters, and weaken our democracy. We the voters have the power to limit someone's time in office every time we hold an election.

Don't fall for the false arguments presented by supporters of term limits.
Voting is how we choose who represents us. This term limit ridiculousness prevents people from simply being able to vote for the candidate of their choice, not to mention making it retroactive is a thinly veiled attempt at ousting our current mayor.

I’m appalled at the mere suggestion of degrading our charter simply because Republicans don’t want to run against Mayor Beutler.

This is dirty politics at its worst and an insult to the people of Lincoln.
City Council - Contact

Date: 8/29/2018 12:15:23 PM

name      Kevin Huddleston
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            Lincoln
state     NE
zip       68521
email     Travlkevin@aol.com

comments We do not need a term limit, we have that when we vote, if the person currently in office is the people choice why would we take that away from them. Please vote NO to term limits.
           Thank you
           Kevin

IP: 70.121.250.54
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User Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/64.0.3282.140 Safari/537.36 Edge/17.17134
Dear City Council Members,

As longtime residents of Lincoln, we strongly object to the Republican petition which would limit the Mayor’s term in office. There is only one way that the citizens of Lincoln should consider term limits and that is at the ballot box itself. We feel quite certain that if the current mayor were not doing a good job the good people of Lincoln would have voted him out of office.

We know from past experience at the state level that term limits are a bad idea. Now that we have had term limits at the state level we find that even some senators themselves are beginning to see that it is a bad idea especially because we lose the knowledge that goes with holding the office for a longer period of time.

We find it interesting that until this idea was brought up and the petition drive got the signatures that it needs to be put on the ballot that some of the Republicans on the City Council hadn’t said anything or very much about running for office, but now we find that if they don’t have to run again current Mayor Chris Beutler they are willing to throw their hats in the ring. Shame on them!

This entire petition drive is so obviously Republican shenanigans one hardly knows what to say other than BAD IDEA and NO WAY TO RUN A GOVERNMENT!

Respectfully,
Richard and Karen Dienstbier
Karen and Richard

Thank you for your email to the City Council.

Please accept a few comments in response to your email:

1. Per Nebraska Statute, the City Council must vote to place this matter on the November ballot. The Election Commissioner certified that the petition drive had sufficient validated signature. The City Council has no discretion and basically must perform a ministerial function of (1) convening a meeting, (2) voting to place on the ballot and (3) adjourning.

2. City Hall and elected officials are forbidden from campaigning in their official capacities.
   a. Mayor Beutler’s news conference last Thursday was very close to campaigning and he questioned two attorneys, including the City Attorney, to get their opinions, on holding the news conference. To the best of my knowledge, he did not consult the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC). His comments contained political remarks which is unfortunate.
   b. At our City Council meeting I commented that I am “considering” the mayoral race for two reasons: (1) full disclosure) and (2) to recuse myself from any public hearing(s) due to the Nebraska campaign restrictions.
      i. My consideration has absolutely nothing to do with the petition drive; if I do decide to run for Mayor, my candidacy will be placed before the voters of Lincoln regardless of other candidates.
   c. I have not, nor have my “Republican” Council colleagues had anything to do with the petition drive. The first knowledge I had was when petitioners were on the streets collecting signatures
      i. I also am disappointed that Mayor Beutler chose words like “political hacks” in his news conference remarks
      ii. Further references to a “Republican” effort are not correct
      iii. This rhetoric only serves political goals and creates partisanship in our City government

Again, I thank you for taking time to email the City Council and hope that the above comments correct previous false statements, assumptions and political rhetoric. You are both excellent citizens of Lincoln so I understand your concerns for our wonderful community. . .concerns I also share to preserve and create opportunities for our citizens and especially for our young people.

Because this matter should be kept out of the City realm, I am sending my response on my personal email and signing as an individual citizen. There is no intent in my email to address the merits of the petition nor ballot provision.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
Dear Council,

I would like to voice my opposition to the way in which the term limit petition was conducted.

Recently, there was an unrelated petition conducted to collect signatures in order to place the Medicaid expansion on the November ballot. A collector was stationed outside the South Branch Library toward the end of that campaign.

More recently, another collector approached me outside of the South Branch Library and asked me if I’d “had a chance to sign the petition.” I said I’d already signed it - and then I remembered that the Medicaid expansion had already collected the requisite number of signatures. I asked what the petition was regarding and the collector simply pointed to a statement on the paper.

I think this is a very misleading and underhanded technique meant to capitalize on the hard work of previous collectors while simultaneously seeking to mislead the public regarding the content of said petition. I am a college graduate with a degree in English from UNL. I have been active in politics my entire adult life and have voted in every election, large or small. However, I struggle to follow the convoluted language often used in our petitions and on our ballots.

You probably heard much criticism about the language surrounding the “repeal of the repeal” of the death penalty in 2016. At Monday night’s City Council meeting, dozens of respondents were uncertain whether to line up in support of or against the resolution to resolve to not follow a prior City Council decision.

Your underhanded tactics are verging on playing dirty pool. We see you and we hear you. We won’t be tricked come November, and your attempts to make this process less transparent will put your own heads on the chopping block in subsequent elections.

Diane Steinke
3500 S. 27th Street
Lincoln NE 68502
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/5/2018 4:21:43 PM

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comments: I know you have been inundated with emails concerning Use Permit 100C, seeking a height waiver of 50' for construction of two mixed use buildings by Krueger Development at approximately S 29th and Porter Ridge Road. I hope you can appreciate the great importance this is to our neighborhood.

The only two height waivers approved that abut established neighborhoods are Victory Park, which received a height waiver of only 45' yet has a setback of 100', and The Knolls Senior Living, which has a height waiver of only 45' yet has a setback of 135'. Both of these projects abut houses constructed in the 1960's and 1980's on large lots with very mature landscaping. Careful consideration was given as to the placement and restrictions of these redevelopment projects within an established neighborhood. Yet South Ridge Village, which is not a redevelopment project, wants a height waiver of 50' and a setback of only 40' abutting townhouses built between 2001 and 2003 with backyards of a shallow 30'. South Ridge Village is a project 'in process' for which the zoning has already been determined. Unless the request is in an area that is in need of redevelopment the existing zoning should be upheld to retain standards, otherwise why have zoning at all?

When we purchased our homes we did our homework and researched the zoning for the properties to which we would be adjacent. We and the other homeowners in the Porter Ridge West subdivision had a reasonable expectation that the buildings behind us would be 'office/medical' (in 2009 it was even changed to 2 story) and the mall would be completed as originally intended, similar to Mr Krueger's properties across the street to the east of 29th, very nicely done low profile commercial buildings. There have been comments by the Planning Staff that apartments would be safer but these offices have never been a safety concern to our neighborhood.

Planning Director David Cary, at the August 20th City Council meeting, and Development Review Manager Stephen Henrichsen, at the May 9th Planning Commission meeting, have both stated that residential use is 24 hour and more active and office tends to clear out at the end of the day. That is our point exactly! Apartments are intrusive and create traffic throughout the day and night and truly are a safety concern.

This area is not an urban area like the Haymarket ripe for infilling, it is a suburban, family oriented neighborhood.

If these buildings must be 45 feet in height we ask that they remain 'office/medical' in order to retain our
privacy and quality of life. Mr Krueger has said that if it does remain commercial there would be a drive
between the building and our property like his properties to the east of 29th street. We would much
prefer this option, the privacy it affords and the peace and quiet it provides at night. We ask that the
existing zoning and restrictions remain in place.

Thank you for your considerable time and consideration in this matter.

(Picture of Mr Krueger’s office buildings to the east of S 29th.)
Dear Mr. Mayor,

Thank you for your consideration and decision in vetoing the City Council resolution to allow the zoning variances close to our home near 29th Street and Pine Lake Road. We appreciate your willingness to listen and support of the residents in our neighborhood. We recognize the quality of your administration and hope it will continue.

We hope that the council members who voted against the resolution will remain opposed to it, and that your veto will be upheld. Thank you again.

Charles and Patricia Lyster
7340 S 29 St
Lincoln NE 68516

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 3:43 PM Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov> wrote:

Thank you for writing in regard to the zoning variance for the area at 2867 Porter Ridge Road, approximately 29th & Pine Lake Road.

I wanted those who live in the neighborhood to be among the first to know that I have decided to veto the variance request. Attached is my veto message to the Lincoln City Council.

Mayor Chris Beutler

Sent by Lin Quenzer
City of Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
402.441.7511
Dear City Council Members:

Please do not override the Mayor’s veto on the Porter Ridge zoning variance. I own and live part time at 2818 Porter Ridge Road. My back yard and deck face the proposed Krueger development. The concerned and affected citizens and property owners have certainly made their concerns known to all of you on the city council. The planning commission voted 6-1 to deny the zoning variance. You have an opportunity to uphold the mayor’s veto. Please do the right thing and vote with the people. I don not want a building the likes of the new Scheel’s right off my deck. Would you? If you have not taken the time to personally walk the neighborhood, I invite you to walk in my backyard at 2818 Porter Ridge and look to the sky and visualize the variance requested. Wow, it’s up there. Thank you for the opportunity to email you. - Dave & Kim Ochsner
City Council members,

I am a resident in the Porter Ridge neighborhood and I strongly urge you not to allow development of a large apartment building nearby. It will stick out, in my opinion, like a sore thumb. The current development and nature of our neighborhood is fantastic and we wish to keep it that way.

Regards,

Jared Bowker
Porter Ridge Neighborhood
I am writing in regards to the apartments that Mr. Krueger is planning at 29th and Pine Lake in the South Ridge Mall area. My wife and I are strongly opposed to this development. We recently purchased our forever home (while our 5 kids are at home at least) because of its location and minimal road traffic. We live in the Cul-da-sac just to the east of the proposed building. We are worried about the increased street and foot traffic that this will inevitably bring to our nearby residential streets. It is already a small problem that drivers trying to avoid Pine Lake traffic zip through here. Although we live on a closed street MANY drivers make the mistake of turning down it not knowing that it does not go through. I have since been parking my two vehicles on either side of the road in front of our house just before the circle in an effort to slow the wrong turn drivers in an effort to make outside play for our kids safer. This large apartment complex will undoubtedly increase this traffic. We moved here to get away from busy streets for our kids. It would greatly disappoint us if it were to happen anyway. Our other concerns are the property values in the surrounding area before during and after the construction, the inadequate traffic lighting for a great increase in vehicle traffic, and possible lack of parking. We simply do not feel that the area planned for this project is proper.

Respectfully
Scott Hoefer