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Subject:	Grant Creek Village Proposal
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Dear Missoula City Council Members,

We moved to the Grant Creek area in 1988. We built a home in Grant Creek Hills, where we raised our two children and still reside. Upon reading and hearing about the proposed development, aka Grant Creek Village, I assumed the developers had very little information about Grant Creek, and after researching the area, they would realize the infrastructure that it would require to allow such a development, and move the project elsewhere.

As Grant Creek and the surrounding area has grown, the infrastructure at the intersection of I-90, Reserve Street, and Grant Creek Road has not kept pace. Grant Creek can be accessed only by way of this intersection as there is no outlet to the north. As southbound traffic has no turn lane to turn onto I-90 westbound, traffic frequently backs up to the north as cars are forced to enter the intersection in single-file fashion. Residents of Grant Creek area are accustomed to sitting through numerous cycles of the traffic signal. The congestion has gotten so bad that many unfamiliar with the area give up and instead head north on Grant Creek Road, only to realize there is no outlet and rejoin the line of cars attempting to get though the intersection. This problem can be exacerbated during ski season with the increased traffic from Snow Bowl, and during the summer the parking lot at the base of Grant Creek is a popular place for people to meet up before going on the river or up to Flathead. Additionally, this intersection is the only evacuation route in case of an emergency, such as a wildfire.

Affordable housing is very important, as is reducing our emissions, and providing alternative forms of transportation. The Grant Creek Village Proposal would work well in locations with public transportation, bike lanes, and streets that allow pedestrians to walk or bike to grocery stores or work. Grant Creek is not one of those areas. There is no access to public transportation, nor is there access to Missoula's bike system. Every resident must use a vehicle to live in Grant Creek. Adding any additional vehicles to this already overburdened intersection should not be under consideration with an insufficient level of infrastructure in place. I doubt the developer has offered to compensate the taxpayer for the level of infrastructure this proposal demands.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding my concerns for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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