

Smart Growth for Hudson

September 13, 2004

Dear Friends,

Election Day is only seven weeks away! Once again the votes cast by Hudson residents will determine the future of our community for good or ill.

Samstel Investment Group, in partnership with Omni Development and Coer Properties, is asking us to throw away years of planning and carefully constructed guidelines and give them Carte Blanche to develop the southeastern portion of our city with big box stores and over two million square feet of pavement and buildings.

The ordinance behind their ballot language is shocking. It changes the entire approval process to virtually guarantee that the developers can build what they want, exactly the way they want to build it. It re-writes the rules of the Arch Board. It allows the district to grow with additional properties acquired! It says that the developer must agree to any changes called for by the City and if the developer does not agree, and the City does not approve the plan as presented, it will be deemed approved after the set timeframe!

If this developer is successful in passing his ordinance, we can say goodbye to the community we have loved and protected for so many years.

If their track record in Westlake to achieve passage of the ballot issue there is any indication, the developers are poised to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in ad and public relations campaigns in the coming weeks. You have already seen five of their full page ads in the Hub. We need money to answer them.

Your contribution of \$100 will go a long way towards the purchasing of advertising space, the literature we need to inform the voters, the purchase of addition web pages so that we can post the entire text of the ordinance we are asked to vote on November 2. We need to alert the voters of the very real dangers inherent in the language of the proposed ordinance and in the economic downside of the generic big box development in Hudson.

We need your help. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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