Zine, Natalie

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Hello Mr(s) Natalie Zine,

It has come to my attention that there is a meeting that is to be held on October 14th regarding the possible zoning change from agricultural to commercial use in Elgin off of Highland Avenue. I am writing to officially vote against this measure, as I am presently unable to attend due to medical issues.

We have been losing more and more green spaces to commercial buildings/ industries and as a long time resident of Elgin, it greatly saddens me to not be able to see farmland in use like the one in question. Not only will it affect the owner of said land but also the community as a whole.

I, for one, love shopping at Farmer's market and buying local whenever possible, knowing in my small part and way I'm helping to support the community that I live in and love. More than that though, I love being able to drive through Elgin and see green spaces. It has been statistically proven that people in a community that has green spaces are generally happier and calmer. I know for myself that I decompress driving in said places and I do it intentionally.

Don't get me wrong, I am all for progress, but it also has to make sense and be balanced with what already has been working. There are already solar fields that are not having regular upkeep and are an eyesore. Please don't allow another solar field to infiltrate at the expense of an already established farmland/ green space.

Thank you for reading and allowing me the chance to make my voice heard regarding a town that I love.

Many Regards,

Natasha Dussard-Milton