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From: Sharon <farbs4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Lauzen, Chris
Cc: Berkhout, Keith; VanKerkhoff, Mark
Subject: EX: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DOG KENNEL AT 2N152 KAUTZ ROAD - SPECIAL USE # 4535

Dear Mr. Lauzen,

My name is Sharon Farber. My husband and I have lived at 33W185 Bonnie St., St. Charles for over 34 years. We have raised two girls in this house and have invested a lot of time and energy to make our house our home.

We want to ask that you please carefully consider your vote on the proposed dog kennel which is on the property directly south of our neighborhood. Each and every one of our neighbors are in opposition to the proposed kennel.

Our opposition is based on three basic premises, in addition to waste water, ground water run off (flooding already an issue in our neighborhood and the proposed site for the kennel), and the traffic on Kautz Road.

1. Our property values will plummet if the dog kennel is allowed. Not just the adjacent properties will be affected but the comparable values of the entire neighborhood will decrease.
2. If the proposed kennel is allowed, the sound of 60 dogs will disrupt the quietness and peacefulness of our homes. If you have neighbors with a dog or two, you know that dogs barking can impact your quality of life. Even with the windows closed in winter we can hear neighbors dogs barking and even the dogs at the Park District dog park on the opposite side of our neighborhood. Imagine having 60 dogs in your backyard all barking and carrying on at once. Would you want 60 dogs in your backyard? I don't think anyone would! The property that they want to put the kennel on is too close to our homes. A kennel should be built where it will not affect the quality of life for so many people.
3. Not only will the sound of 60 dogs create extreme noise conditions for us and our neighbors but the smell from 60 dogs defecating and urinating 3 - 5 times a day will negatively affect our senses too. We get aromas from Flavors of North America wafting into our neighborhood and that is a mile away and a good smell. Please imagine the smell of 60 dogs going 3 - 5 times a day. I know that our one dog creates a lot of waste and can't imagine the smell of 60 dogs going to the bathroom all in one fenced in area. Eventually the urine smell will be overpowering. A south wind will bring all that overpowering odor directly into our homes.

I know that the Kane County Boards Vision Statement includes: "Promoting an environment that advocates health, welfare and safety; Encouraging and valuing citizen communication, input, and involvement in governing so that residents are proud to call Kane County "home". We have proudly called Kane County our home for over 34 years. Please show us that you value Kane County long time residents and our long standing neighborhood by voting AGAINST the proposed kennel on Kautz Road. Please understand that my husband and I are animal lovers and have had dogs our whole lives. There is a reason that cities and counties regulate the number of dogs to usually 2 or 3 in residential areas. The noise and smell that more than 2 or 3 dogs are capable of producing is not conducive to a peaceful and enjoyable neighborhood. If you would just imagine your family living less than a few hundred feet from a 60 dog kennel, you would understand our opposition of the proposed kennel.

We hope that you value our communications, input and involvement in this decision. Please consider if you lived in your home for 1 year or 34+ years and there was a proposal to put a kennel in your backyard. Would you want it there or would you realize there are plenty of undeveloped or commercial properties where it wouldn't impact your home and your quality of life? We are just hardworking families trying to live our best lives in peace and quiet in Kane County.

If you have any questions or comments, we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and we appreciate your careful deliberation and hopefully opposition to the proposed kennel.

Sincerely,

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