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To: Planning & Development <plandev@countyofdane.com>
Subject: zoning meeting about dog kennel

Hello Zoning Committee,

My name is Beckie Wiegel and I, together with my family, live at 3420 Sugar Maple Ln., Verona, in the Township of Middleton. I am writing to state our opposition to the CUP of the kennel for 150 dogs on the Le Fleur property. The CUP violates the standards to obtain a CUP permit. Below is the standard violated and our main concerns:

Standard 1: The proposed land use will not be detrimental to or endanger the neighborhood health, safety, comfort, or general welfare.

Noise

This CUP will be detrimental to our neighborhood health, safety, comfort and general welfare. We leave our windows and screen doors open throughout the majority of the year, and the majority of the day time since I work from home. I can hear dogs bark from the two neighborhoods on either side of our property (not including the yards that directly touch our property). My daughter is 11 months old and naps twice during the day and goes to bed at 7:30 PM. Loud noises, like dogs barking, will wake her up. And the sound of dogs barking pollutes the air from the sounds of nature which we thoroughly enjoy (birds, wind, crickets, frogs).

Standard 2: The uses, values, and enjoyment of other properties in the neighborhood already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner be substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance, or operation of the proposed conditional use permit.

Desirability

The use, value, and enjoyment of our property will diminish by this CUP. We bought this house in the Town of Middleton because of its location. We enjoy being surrounded by nature while also having great neighbors nearby. We don't want to move. We plan to be here for a long time. Having a dog kennel within less than 2,000 ft would cause us to enjoy our property less. Also, we fear our home value will decrease as people don't want to live close to a dog kennel.

Standard 5: Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide adequate ingress/egress to public streets and this CUP will not provide traffic conflicts.

Traffic

The traffic is already bad from the traffic circle at S. Junction Rd/Valley View all the way to Sugar Maple Lane. The especially dangerous part is South Point Rd. to Sugar Maple. There are no bike lanes, cars speed quickly down the hill, visibility isn't great turning onto Valley View from South Point Road so cars pull into the intersection to see. There is only a partial sidewalk on one side of the street. Without the dog kennel, I am already concerned for my family and community members who walk, bike, and drive on these roads. The dog kennel traffic (up to 300 more cars each day - 150 drop offs in the morning, and 150 pick ups in the evening) will only make this issue more dangerous.

I probably won't be able to attend the zoning meeting in person on Tuesday, Oct. 24. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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