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VIA EMAIL

Reatha Kay
President
RANCH Triangle
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Dear Reatha,

Thank you for your note.

I understand and appreciate your eagerness to review a detailed, comprehensive set of plans for Lincoln Yards. I share your sense of readiness, and we can all agree that this information is vital to conducting a sound review process.

As you know, I have made it clear to Sterling Bay, the CAC, city officials and thousands of constituents, that no planned development proposal will advance until there is a thorough, rigorous review of such plans.

At this juncture, it is clear that Sterling Bay is still working to develop key elements of their proposal. All information and supporting material regarding their PD application that has been provided to me, has been provided to the community as well. Also, let me stress that the implication Sterling Bay has been instructed to withhold relevant information from RANCH is false. I gave them no such instruction.

However, I agree that the proposal's current form is lacking details and specific plans. This suggests two things:

- 1) Sterling Bay has more work to do; and
- 2) The community has a unique opportunity to shape this proposal now, while it's still evolving on the developer's drawing board.

You will recall at the first public meeting, I encouraged a direct dialogue between Sterling Bay and local community associations. Shortly after, I instructed Sterling Bay to begin their outreach, and engage each group within the CAC.

All organizations have started to take advantage of the opportunity to raise questions and offer direct feedback on behalf of their respective neighborhoods, with one exception.

I was disappointed to hear that the Ranch Triangle Association refused a preliminary meeting with Sterling Bay.

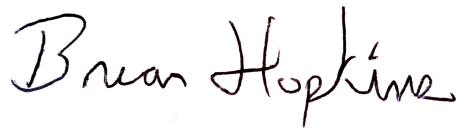
I understand the desire for detailed information. But as Sterling Bay prepares the specifics we all seek, avoiding a direct dialogue eliminates the potential to build trust, advance your priorities, and issue concerns.

Thus, I hope you reconsider your position. Your decision to remain on the sidelines is a disservice to your membership, while other groups and residents are engaging.

At this time, I will continue working with all parties interested in meeting with and offering constructive feedback to Sterling Bay.

I expect these conversations to set community standards for Sterling Bay to meet, and compel them to incorporate stated priorities in evolving plans and future presentations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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