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I am the property owner of 145 Cerro Vista Dr, San Marcos, TX 78666. Regarding case number ZC-24-06, my property is included in the proposed 400 ft buffer for the zoning change request. I do not want my property to be rezoned or included in any way with the future development in the area. Furthermore, I do not support the future development of the area. I purchased my property seventeen years ago when it was still relatively rural, yet close enough to the city of San Marcos to utilize the resources. Since then, this area has been urbanized. The development continues to disrupt countless natural resources. There is a plethora of wildlife that depend on these areas for their survival. I have photographed bobcats, boars, deer, racoons, armadillo, and a vast array of birds. These areas have been migratory areas for decades. Overdevelopment is a step in the wrong direction. I believe in protecting and preserving nature. I do not support big business destroying natural habitats. Moreover, the development has led to many homeowners in the surrounding areas having to deal with an influx of pests, from hives being formed in houses after their habitats were destroyed by development, to wildlife becoming roadkill. In addition to the damage to natural habitats and wildlife, the influx of people in the area has made it dangerous to try to leave our street. My almost sixteen-year-old dog and I can no longer cross the street on our walks, which she has done since she was a puppy. The students who attend the high school cannot safely walk to school. I have also spoken with numerous neighbors who have a difficult time leaving while driving as well. The drivers use the turn lane to drive all the way down the road, so we cannot safely use the turn lane because they are continuously ignoring the law. Furthermore, the support for affordable housing should not be focused on producing more rentals. We as a society are allowing corporations to control the housing market and keep new generations from purchasing affordable homes. I once struggled as a single mother to pay my mortgage for my \$75,000 home despite working six days a week, eleven-hour shifts for years. The idea that people are now asked to pay \$300,000 mortgages with similar salaries is appalling. We need to do more to help each other succeed, rather than continue to pad the pockets of the wealthy.

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