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**Subject:** student housing

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Dear City Council Member,

I have read in the Daily Record about the possible change to student housing at 323 Lindsey Street and 410 North Street. I am concerned about all the student housing that is being built. I think it is time to tell Denise Trauth we have enough students and cannot handle any more. Does anyone on the city council have the gumption to do this? This is already the city that was eaten by the school. Let's slow that down.

In particular I am concerned about the Lindsey Street/North Street area. My son, Edwin Brister, lives in an apartment at 420 North Street, between the two proposed areas. Edwin is disabled and works part time at a downtown restaurant. He cannot drive and therefore needs to live near his job and near a grocery store. I feel like Edwin and people like him are being shut out of affordable housing. An article in the San Marcos Record in the last month or so described the difficulty for low income people like Edwin finding a place to live near where they work or for that matter anywhere at all. What is more important, building housing for students or providing space for low income people to work at the college or downtown businesses – people who may have grown up in San Marcos and whose family are taxpayers here or for students who will be here and then move on?

In addition, the developers of student housing do not seem to care about maintaining the character of neighborhoods. Before Vista II was built the developer protected the heritage oaks on that property but then all of a sudden building began and those trees were taken down. I feel for the birds and other animals that lived there – animals that eat mosquitoes, for example. I feel sick every time I drive by there because the builder is building right up to the property line with no regard for the beauty of the nature that was there.

I would like to see the points I brought up considered by the council.

Yours truly,

Marilyn Brister

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