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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:27 AM  
**To:** Stephanie Markle  
**Cc:** Kylie Bagley  
**Subject:** RE: Monument Ridge East

Thank you, Stephanie. We are going to ensure your comments are provided to the decision makers and we will let you know about the public hearings moving forward.  
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Hello Meggan,

I am concerned about the changing of zones for the area of Monument Ridge East that would allow higher density housing. I live and work off County Line and Monument Hill Road as I work at Palmer Ridge High School. In the mornings and evenings, it is near impossible to take a left hand turn from Monument Hill Road onto County Line. With this changing of zoning to allow for more cars on the road along with the commercial development coming south on Monument Hill Road, I worry about my students who are just learning how to drive, navigating an area that will become more difficult as more cars and trucks for business use this road.

Castle Rock and Monument have both said no to this development and their reasoning aligns to new urbanism principles as the people who will live in this region will have to take cars to get to and from places as there are no other transportation options to get to and from needed necessities like groceries and healthcare. Not only does this new plan not make logistical sense, it will be destroying hundreds of trees and using water that will cause my children further environmental chaos.

Housing needs to be available, but I am asking you to please save higher density housing for areas near work, food, and healthcare such as Jackson Creek. If zoning did change, please consider lots of 2.5 acres or greater to protect our trees and water for my children and students. We cannot easily undo these decisions fifty years from now. Please make a decision based on my home's future livability and safety.

Thank you,  
Stephanie

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