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To: Blaine City Council Members and City Officials

Subject: Blaine City Plan and Growth Management

I was not able to speak at your Down Zoning to single family residence meeting. Which will change a major portion of the City of Blaine. I am in South America and hope that you will accept this e-mail into your thought processes and formal documentation on that subject.

I have owned 1 acre of land on the intersection of Georgia and Kingsley Streets since 1989. Prior to the moratorium on multi-family development I have had formal meetings with Blaine Public Works for five duplex lots on that property. I was in approval to proceed with planning based upon their comments and restrictions. Since the moratorium. I have changed the plan to four lots which could accommodate either single family or duplex homes. This plan has been completed by a civil engineering firm

The restriction to single family would reduce the value of my property by \$25,000 per lot or \$100,000. This is based on conversations with Blaine Real Estate people. I feel this is an undue economic hardship on me. This plan has been a major part of my retirement financial planning.

Blaine needs affordable housing in as much as 2 owners or families could reside on almost the same piece of land that 1 single dwelling would occupy, certainly reducing the cost of housing and not impacting the character of the neighborhood. There is a tremendous need for affordable housing in this area of escalating land and home prices, perhaps retirees would be able to live in their own homes and rent out the other half or sell the other half thereby supplementing income, we all know that Social Security is not enough and retirees are having difficulties making ends meet, however, a sale of their single family residence and a purchase of a duplex would certainly be beneficial to our Senior Citizens in their Golden Years.

In addition it would offer young people the chance to buy a home by renting half and helping with the terrible payments that the high cost of housing has caused. This is a winning situation for both the city and it's citizens. Duplexes do not change the look of an area mixed in with single family homes. This offers affordable housing to the Blaine residents.

Sincerely,

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