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June 24, 2018

The Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith

City Council Member Debi Ross

City Council Member Beth White

City Council Member Linda Robinson

City Council Member Maurice Taylor

City Council Member Steve Baxter

City Council Member Ron Harris

Council Member Murry Witcher

City Council Member Charlie Hight

The City of North Little Rock

Et al

Re:

Ordinance 0-18-30

Reclassification Case #2018-1 and Special Use #2018-7

Dear Mayor Smith and Council Members:

As concern property owners at 800 Page Mill Road, North Little Rock, AR, we are opposed to the proposed re-zoning of the land adjoining our property.

Lack of Genuine Neighborhood Engagement

While the property owner, Mr. David Mitchell, claimed to have officially contacted the neighborhood property owners, in speaking directly with most neighborhood property owners, in reality this does not appear to be the case. As has been mentioned at several previous council meetings, Mt. Pleasant has not ever been notified and, still—to this date even after said owner was informed of such—never has received any type of official notification of the re-zoning request by Mr. Mitchell.

You may recall that Mr. Mitchell apparently was in verbal contact with <u>one</u> church member. Please be advised that one person from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church does not have the authority to make decision for our church. Church-related business is overseen by our Trustee Board and takes a congregational vote. Any transactions done outside these parameters are null and void.

The Neighborhood Does Not Support this Project; Petition filed.

Some of our neighbors we came into contact, stated they were unaware of this re-zoning request. In fact, the majority stated they did not receive notification of any kind. Signed Petitions submitted and filed on May 29, 2018 with the NLR City Clerk opposing proposed ordinance.

Email: <u>mtpleasant@mtpleasantnlr.</u>org

Impacting Neighbors with medical conditions.

Anyone in the community with a serious medical issue may be negatively affected by dust particles and noise pollution from the proposed top-soil mining.

Insufficient Road Structure – It has been stated that heavy equipment be transported via Texoma, Bradburn, and Page Mill Road, as well as the easement alongside our church. These short streets are narrow with sharp angles that would make it difficult for heavy machinery to use for travel. Heavy machinery transported most certainly would cause property damage.

Long-term consequences of mining.

The possible erosion of the land is major cause of concern with no trees/vegetation to stop possible flooding onto outlying properties.

Gas Pipelines

Certainly, digging in areas where the Texas Eastern gas lines are located along our properties should be a MAJOR cause of concern for the City of North Little Rock.

Please consider the community as a whole, and the negative effects that may evolve from this proposal.

Mayor Smith and Council Members, we emphatically urge you to deny the request of ordinance 0-18-30.

Sincerely,

Dr. Earl M. Graham Jr., Senior Pastor

Ira V. Blueford, Jr., Deacon Chair

BAN Weens, Trustee

Sis. Betty Williams, Church Clerk

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DATE 6-35-18
Date Whitboy, City Clerk and Collector

North Little Rock, Arkansas