

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Lauren Karr, and I live on County Road 521 East, just south of the proposed Westlyn Subdivision (RZ-25-069, PP-25-015) project. I strongly object to the proposed use of the farmland, and I strongly oppose the plans to build the proposed subdivision at this location. I would like to take time to present a few of my concerns with you so that I can feel confident that you are making educated decisions for our community not merely based on potential financial gains that the Town of Plainfield stands to benefit from if this proposed subdivision is passed; but instead, comprehensively, based also on: the desires and opinions of those in the affected neighborhoods and community; community-impact; short- and long-term effects of the destruction and depletion of farmland; construction of more homes leading to over development; and many types of environmental pollutions (including light pollution, noise pollution, and groundwater pollution) that may impact the town, the developed land, and the surrounding farms and homes.

In December 2018, I submitted a letter to the Plan Commission regarding Lennar Homes' proposal for the Montgomery/Mongan project- a proposed subdivision of 261 homes on the same land as the current Westlyn Subdivision project. It is crucial to note that the current Westlyn Subdivision project is seeking to develop 217 acres, which is 90 acres more than the previous Montgomery/Mongan project; as well as build 417 homes, which is 190 more homes than previously proposed. My letter to the Plan Commission, dated December 3, 2018, is available at:

<https://www.townofplainfield.com/DocumentCenter/View/2860/Letter-from-Lauren-Karr-to-the-Plan-Commission-PDF>.

In my 2018 letter, I expressed my grave concerns regarding the proposed development in this area and how it could negatively impact community residents, including my family. I also shared detailed information about the personal concerns I had at that time for my child with autism. Presenting my letter to the Plan Commission at the December 3, 2018 meeting was one of the most encouraging experiences I have had as a member of this community. The Plan Commission not only listened intently to what I had to say, they valued my words and took them to heart. Lennar ended up requesting a continuance, and ultimately withdrew their plan for the Montgomery/Mongan project, which was not the right fit for the town at that time. After the meeting, I had commission members speak to me individually, thanking me for sharing my family's story and letting me know that my family

and I were valuable members of the community. One commission member spoke with me about their grandchild's diagnosis of autism and how they truly understood the concerns that I had at that time. Additionally, a commission member took my hands and said that while they could not and would not want to stop all development from coming to Plainfield, they promised that as a Plan Commission member, they would do everything within their power to make sure that the development that did happen was done safely, in the right ways, and for the right reasons. I left the December 3, 2018 Plan Commission meeting in tears. Not because I was frustrated or discouraged, but because I felt heard, validated, and valued. I felt true belonging in my community, and believed with all of my heart that the Plan Commission was making decisions based on the 12 core Community Values that Plainfield is built upon, including: kindness, respect, accountability, dignity, and integrity. To this day, I am filled with gratitude for the encouragement I received by the Plan Commission that evening.

In July 2025, I submitted a similar, but different letter to the Plan Commission regarding Pulte's original proposal for the Westlyn Subdivision project. I commend the commission for the way they handled the July 7, 2025 meeting- listening to community members, asking hard questions, demanding higher standards, and sticking with their dedication to the core Community Values. Again, I am so grateful that I felt heard, validated, and valued in my community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. My letter to the Plan Commission, dated July 7, 2025, is available at: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/iworq-upload/PLAINFIELD/601/27188604-LaurenKarr.pdf>.

While I appreciate that Pulte took small steps to begin remediation of their petition for the Westlyn subdivision, including the removal of the 20-acre plot adjacent to my family's property from their updated petition request, my concerns for this project remain largely unchanged. The Plan Commission has proven to me, on multiple occasions, that you truly care about the community and will uphold Plainfield core Community Values in your decision making. In order to continue doing this at the highest level, I urge the commission to read my previous letters, if time permits, and keep the safety of all community residents in mind when voting on the Westlyn Subdivision project, which I am strongly opposed to.

As mentioned in my July 2025 letter, safety and privacy are of my utmost concern. Rapid growth and over development are not always the right choice, nor the safest choice for the community. I am incredibly grateful for a Plan Commission that takes the safety of its

residents seriously. In addition to safety concerns, I also feel that the destruction and depletion of farmland to build this proposed subdivision, the destruction of wildlife habitat, the environmental pollution and hazards that could occur with the construction of the proposed subdivision and the subsequent road infrastructure needed to support it, and the dangers that come to our town and neighborhoods due to over-development conflict with many of the 12 key Community Values that the Town of Plainfield leadership has chosen to morally and ethically guide the town's decision making. In fact, in some cases, I believe this proposed plan directly breaks these values. Commission members, as I have previously mentioned, I can attest firsthand to how you have been faithful to these 12 Community Values in your decision making, and how the community- including my family- has benefitted from your integrity. I urge you to stand strong in these values, and allow them to guide your decision. I urge you to listen to community members, value safety, save farm land, save wildlife habitat, demand that development include larger lots and more green space, and protect the safe, quiet, rural neighborhoods that are truly the heartbeat of Plainfield.

I urge the council to hold true to their word and not put value in prolific development, but instead to put value in what is best for the community, the people, and doing development the right way. The scale and density of this project is not the right way. If the 2018 Lennar Homes' Montgomery/Mongan project was not the right way, then this much larger and more dense Pulte Westlyn Subdivision project, regardless of the changes that have been made to the petition, is not the right way.

Thank you for your time,

Lauren Karr