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## **Quasi-Judicial Registration Form**

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To: COG Dept. of Community Development

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RE: Petition 22SUB-06DB Design Plat Approval of Ingleside Village Subdivision Legislative Matter No. 051092

After review of the preliminary civil drawings showing the proposed location of new houses and associated new utilities, I have the following concerns I would like to be addressed by the developer Andrew Kaplan or his agent:

- 1) The proposed structures will be in close proximity, within 10 feet, of existing trees. These trees will lose much of their rooting zone when the concrete pads are built.
- 2) The proposed utility lines are also very close to existing trees. The installation method for the new utilities; electric, water, sewer, and phone was not specified. If these utility lines are trenched as opposed to using directional drilling then the trees will lose much of their rooting zone.
- 3) The density of the proposed structures will make the construction process difficult and as a result, the tree protection zones, barricades etc... Will be small to nonexistent.
- 4) The existing trees that will be impacted by the new construction and utility infrastructure may not die immediately, it may take a year. In which case the new homeowners will be forced to deal with a problem that should be addressed now.

In summary, in my professional opinion as a Certified Arborist and Urban Forester, I believe the proposed subdivision has not adequately addressed the issue of which trees will be impacted by the construction and the subsequent need for new tree planting to replace trees that will die as result of this development being built.

Sincerely, Erick D. Smith

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