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Lake Forest City Council,

Reference my previous public comment submitted and posted under Item 14 for the 8/18/2020 city council meeting, re: Public Comment on Item 14 (Low-Income Housing).

This comment is directed at Councilmen Robinson, Tettemer and Voigts who voted to approve the 71-unit low-income permanent supportive housing apartments on Raymond Way at the 8/18/20 council meeting.

Your simple majority 3-2 vote will be recorded as one of the biggest blunders ever made by our elected officials in the City of Lake Forest. Tearing down a solid and stable business structure utilized at one time by nearly 30 small businesses and replacing it with a 71-unit low-income government-financed apartment complex that will house upwards of 300 tenants in a high-density neighborhood that's already rife with poverty, crime, congestion and run-down, neglected, dilapidated apartment buildings. But why would you care? It's far removed from your upscale neighborhoods. Your families and children won't have to bear the brunt of the consequences of your votes.

Despite pleadings by dozens of local residents in District 5 whose quality of life will suffer enormous negative impacts by your votes you locked arms w/ the developer, w/ outside proponents who don't even live in Lake Forest and w/ the special-interests that will profit financially from your decision. District elections removed any political risk from those voters you wrong in District 5. So why would you care?

At no time did any of you acknowledge or express empathy for the negative impacts your votes will have on hundreds of our local Lake Forest families who are now forced to tolerate the environmental hazards of the demolition of a 2-story 31,500 SF concrete office building and subsequent construction of a 4-story 71-unit apartment complex in close proximity to their homes. If a governing body ever tried to pull this stunt near your upscale neighborhoods you'd fight back with a vengeance.

Is it any wonder why long-standing local residents grow more and more distrustful and resentful toward politicians who harm the quality of life for our Lake Forest families?

Randy Johnson