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DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 4

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Councilmember Zarin Gracey
1500 Marilla St 5FN
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Dear Councilmember, Gracey,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday. I was surprised to find out agenda item 47 in today's council meeting agenda. I hope this item can be pulled. Thank you for reassuring me about your promise of selling and/or building affordable housing for sale. I know the community will be grateful.

As I have mentioned during all conversations regarding this topic, I am strongly opposed to building any type of homeless facility on the property at 2929 S. Hampton Rd. This location is adjacent to a school and a neighborhood, and directly across the street from a library and a park. A homeless facility is not an appropriate addition to this location.

Furthermore, the public, which are the people that are affected the most by this project, have been given minimal opportunity to provide input. However, during the only public meeting that was held, residents in the adjacent and surrounding neighborhoods clearly demonstrated that they are strongly opposed to this project.

On the other hand, I believe that the highest and best use of this property is to build affordable, for sale, single-family homes. Affordable housing is desperately needed in the City of Dallas, and I am certain that such project would be welcomed by the families nearby.

Please take into consideration that Dallas County will not contribute any funding towards a homeless facility or services at this location. Nevertheless, I wholeheartedly support funding for single-family, affordable homes for sale on this property. With skyrocketing home prices and development accelerating gentrification in these neighborhoods, single-family affordable homes would be a stabilizing influence that would benefit the current homeowners, as well as low-income and first-time homebuying minority families.

I believe we can develop a proposal for 2929 S. Hampton that can not only meet the affordable housing needs of our community, but also be supported by the residents who entrusted us to make these decisions. I look forward to continue working with you in this and future projects.

Saludos,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Elba Garcia".

Dr. Elba Garcia
Dallas County Commissioner for District 4