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	As a resident of the Montana Vistas community that abuts the site of this proposal, I'm directly impacted by the decisions being made here. What I need the City of Scottsdale to know about this deal is that the whole experience of trying to negotiate with the Hawkins requests has ripped apart our community. Perhaps I was naïve to think that we could approach this process with a positive, enterprise-forward and family-centric balance. Instead the community that I cherish so much is now fractured. I don't know how we can heal. I don't know how I can be honest in front of the City without damaging my neighbors further – one side or the other. I do not lay responsibility for our discontent and behaviors on the shoulders of Hawkins – their purpose is a for-profit business. And profits pay taxes that pave roads, update ADA-compliant access to public spaces, fund first responders, and enhance our culture through public arts and diverse opportunities. I'm a small business owner with no voice, so I believe strongly in creating growth opportunities for all

Comment:	entrepreneurs. I believe a robust society and economics all begins and ends with government programs that effectively and efficiently nurture healthy trade systems. It's the backbone of our American society and I'm so proud to be a part of that essential infrastructure. But some of these decisions come at the cost of pitting neighbor against neighbor. It can fuel distrust of government and bias towards essential civic institutions. In choosing to support my neighborhood, by requesting that the City deny the Hawkins proposals means that I'm actually not supporting the families most affected by whatever gets built on these border lots. However, if I don't speak out against what I view as overly aggressive, preferential treatment of commercial developments, then I risk a long-term erosion of the quality of life I seek and expect of being a resident of Scottsdale. Either way it's bad for my household. I'm sure you hear variations of my tale thousands of times a month. I'm not special. But my neighbors who have properties adjacent and near the Hawkins's sites are important to me. They have asked me to speak well on their behalf because they feel this is the best deal they can get. I feel like they're battle-weary citizens who are smart and have to choose between hope for better and a lowered belief in commercial and government organizations to do right by them. I don't know that this is a good or bad deal for them to live next-door to. I know that I have zero trust in Hawkins and what comes next based on all historical communications from them. They are obligated to serve their best interests by presenting that they did due diligence and made nice with all the neighbors. I'm not litigating their actions here. If it wasn't them, it would've been the next ambitious developer. Although I still oppose approval of the Hawkins's requests for the original reasons stated in earlier filings but also because of my perceptions of how they have since handled this situation; I will defer to the needs of my neighbors who have a bargain with them and want this plan to proceed. They have to live next to whatever companies land in their

	backyard. I have to live next to my neighbors whom I truly love and appreciate and want the best for them. I don't want to stand in their way nor their progress so that they soon can put this behind them. The bigger picture request is here that the City revisits the depth and breadth afforded to each level of zoning and updates the priorities to emphasize the growing needs for privacy while providing efficient community trade zones. I ask for Scottsdale leadership to strive to innovate new, sustainable models for transitionary spaces between residential and commercial areas. The pandemic and rise of technology has proven that the old ratio of business to residential property acreage is obsolete. We don't need more commercial and residential spaces. We need thoughtful, efficient, human-centric, development for the future. We need "green" buffers and uplifting mixed-used planning. Soon Scottsdale will be fully built-out and then all we are left to engineer is rising from our past.

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