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Thu, Jun 11, 2026 at 9:49 AM

To: "david.kunz@como.gov" <david.kunz@como.gov>

Good morning Mr. Kunz

I am writing to express my support and voice in favor of the proposed The Retreat at Columbia by Grindstone Acres.

I believe the location close to the university and the hospital is good in fill development and will meet and satisfy housing demand. The proposed planned project meets all city requirements and should be approved.

I believe the proposed project addresses needed safety improvement's to Rock Quarry Rd. Are there more improvements that are needed? Absolutely! I find it contradictory for councilwoman Peters to have removed the road from a December 2023 list that identified the road as #5 out of 18 needing improvements and state that the council is always taking strides to improve Rock Quarry Rd. This action in my opinion jeopardizes public safety. She stated she felt spending a large portion of the funds allocated for road improvements on just one road wasn't good and by removing she stymied discussions and possible spending of funds on improvements that could have been used to address public safety, such as speed humps to slow traffic.

The fact that Rock Quarry Rd is identified as a scenic drive doesn't alleviate the fact that by its location the section from Grindstone to Stadium will increasingly serve as a commuter route connecting southeast Columbia as it continues to grow.

In closing, I support and recommend the approval of The Retreat at Columbia because it meets all city requirements, it is in fill development, it begins to address road safety on highly used portion of Rock Quarry at no cost to the city and it will add new tax revenue to the city and county. Finally I don't believe a vocal minority should jeopardize interests of private landowners and the community at large.

Sincerely,

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Grindstone Acres development

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Tue, Jun 9, 2026 at 8:37 PM

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Dear Columbia city leaders,

I am a lifelong resident of Columbia. I have a daughter, nephew and three nieces that are graduates of the University of Missouri. One of which is finishing her residency at the University Hospital. I am also a longtime small business owner. This is my home. I write to urge your support for the proposed student housing project on Rock Quarry Road.

The sight of this development will be a great addition for the city and university. I wish my family would have had access to this attractive near campus housing. This project with all its green space will be a refreshing change. The development will benefit Columbia's multiple institutions of higher learning, as well as the families sending their children here to prepare them for life.

This housing will be built on land that is currently open field, a very short distance from commercial property. This will enhance the beauty of neighboring Grindstone Nature Area, Rock Quarry Park, and scenic Rock Quarry Pocket Park.

Please support this project. It will be good for our "Athens of Missouri".

Sincerely,

Gail Schweitzer

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Wed, Jun 3, 2026 at 6:35 PM

I wanted to express my concern about yet another student housing complex going up. It seems like the housing available is too expensive for college students. I'd like to know the ratio of student housing compared to the number of students. Housing in general is too expensive right now, and there are too few SFH for the number of permanent residents. I'm really tired of losing tasteful permanent housing opportunities to ugly student housing.

Heather Morgan