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Louise Silet

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Dear Kenai Borough Assembly Members:

We are the residents of 112 Amaryllis Street. The proposed sale of 059-302-07 is directly north across Redoubt street from our home.

We oppose the sale of this property for multiple reasons:

1. Impact on the streets and neighborhoods will be detrimental to quality of life. It is difficult now to use West Redoubt Street with two schools, the Cashman Apartment complex, and the multi family townhouse development across from the schools. The new subdivision at the end of West Redoubt has added hundreds of cars per day on the street. There is a cluster mailbox mid block and people regularly turn around in the street. Many children walk this street and that will be a safety issue if the sale goes through. Adding several hundred occupants crowded into this small acreage will cause congestion and noise issues.

2. Access to the property is on RiverWatch Subdivision or on West Redoubt. Try driving on Redoubt now during school when cars are lined up almost to Kobuk street taking up one entire traffic lane and school buses are coming and going along with the foot traffic. Adding several hundred cars per day to the area is poor judgment for a school zone.

3. The Memorial Park Subdivision was set aside for a public park. A quiet dignified and solemn resting place for our deceased families and friends. It is being developed into a beautiful park. Placing a multi family development with several hundred occupants next to the park is contrary to sensible development and in no way complements the park or the surrounding neighborhoods and will exacerbate access issues. The purpose and tranquility of the park will be violated. Memorial Park should stay just that. The reasons are that no one can say what future public development such as a public facility or expansion of the cemetery park will be needed. That will be impossible with townhouses covering the property.

4. One can surmise that the City of Soldotna has a political hand in this bad idea as a way to put more property on the tax roles. The amount of money that the Kenai Borough will receive from the sale is paltry compared to what future uses may be needed. Look at the City of Soldotna's recent developments most of which has denuded the land, removed all the trees, and crowded houses on tiny lots with little requirement for adequate space and landscaping. The vision of a beautiful acreage clear cut and covered with townhouses simply to benefit some developer and Soldotna's tax take is just plain wrong. Better community planning is needed.

We ask that you oppose this sale or in the alternative remove 059-303-07 from the sale. Please consider the quality of life, future public uses, and complementary uses for this property. Thank you.

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