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To: [Bonenfant, Janice](#)
Subject: FW: Concord Ortho re-zoning
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From: Stevens, Suzanne **On Behalf Of** * City Manager Office
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To: Aspell, Thomas; Baia, Carlos
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From: karen west [<mailto:karenwest@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:24 AM
To: * City Manager Office; steveshurtleff@aol.com; Keach, Fred; Coen, Mark
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We are homeowners in Concord and we are strongly opposed to the plan to re-zone Pleasant Street from Concord Hospital to Fisk Road, just so that Concord Orthopedics can build an enormous surgical center with 92 parking spots right at 297 Pleasant Street.

This structure would sit among some of the finest historical homes in Concord and right on the way in from a scenic road (route 9) into the city. This would obviously be an eye sore to all visitors and not a benefit to tourism in Concord, not to mention to the middle-class families who live in that very neighborhood. One can only imagine the traffic congestion (and accidents) on a windy road with the additional visitors and parking to this commercial establishment.

In addition, when you re-zone that entire stretch of Pleasant Street you open up the possibility of that area becoming completely commercial/hospital construction and the historic homes will be destroyed over time and not preserved as they should be. Right next door to 297 Pleasant Street stands the home where once John Waynant lived, a three term governor, of whom a statue is being built to be erected facing the State House. Any resident of Concord should feel outrage at the fact that at the time we are erecting a statue to a historical figure we are also planning on the destruction of his home (over time). Historical homes should receive special attention to preservation and this re-zoning would do the opposite.

We have owned our house in Concord for 12 years now and find it sometimes very painful to watch how the city manages its historic properties, often with little regard to preservation and much more to rebuilding new structures that will never stand the test of time and will only diminish Concord's historical value and attraction. We strongly believe that in the long run this will only hurt Concord economically, when it will no longer be an attractive historic town for

visitors or residents. Concord can simply not afford to be another over-built and uninteresting town that so many have become in New England.

There are plenty of empty buildings and lots in and around Concord that would not be as invasive as this current plan is to reshape Pleasant Street.

Sincerely,
Karen and Ron West
87 School Street