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March 17, 2017

Mayor Jeff Wieler and Piedmont City Council Members:

**RE: March 20, 2017 City Council Agenda Item #7 - Piedmont City Code - Chapter 17, Zone B (Public) and Zone D (Commercial) - Voter Approval**

Dear Mayor Wieler and Council:

Without Piedmont voter approval, there are issues with Piedmont City Code/ Chapter 17 in regard to changes of land uses within Zones B (Public) and D (Commercial). Piedmont's voter approved 1980 City Charter, specifies that the Piedmont City Council has no authority **unless approved by Piedmont voters to classify or reclassify Piedmont's land use zones or to change the size of a zone, with one exception.** Change of use/classifications includes the proposed conditional use process to allow a land use change within a zone and interchange of uses between zones.

See my attached declaration made part of this letter.

**Per the City Charter, land use/classifications/zoning changes can be accomplished by:**

**1. Gaining Piedmont voter approval**

**OR**

**2. Gaining Piedmont voter approval to revise the City Charter and allow the Piedmont City Council to reclassify or change land uses within zones (Examples: Public to Commercial uses or Commercial to Multi-family uses).**

This letter and my attached affidavit dated March 16, 2017 confirm the original intent of voter approved language requiring voter approvals for zone use changes.

Sincerely,

Alice Creason



Piedmont Planning Commissioner 1976 - 1978

Piedmont Charter Review Participant 1976 - 1980

Piedmont City Council Member 1978 - 1986

City Council Liaison to the Planning Commission 1978 - 1982

Mayor of Piedmont 1982 - 1984

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