Southwest Valley Mayors Release Joint Statement Opposing Proposed 8,700+ Unit Olympia Development

RIVERTON, UT – Mayors from Copperton, Herriman, Riverton and West Jordan released the following statement on June 5, 2018, in opposition to the proposed 8,700+ Olympia Development (Approx: 6300-8500 W, 12400-13100 S) and collectively encourage members of the Salt Lake County Council to deny approval of the property rezone.

“As mayors of communities that will be impacted by the proposed Olympia Development, we call upon the Salt Lake County Council to deny the rezone of 931 acres from A-2 to P-C, which covers the area approximately from 6300-8500 W and 12400-13100 S.

Our opposition can be summarized in these points:

- **Density**: The sheer number of units in the development is nothing short of overwhelming. With a proposed 8,765 units on 931 acres. It is estimated that this would add an additional 30,000+ residents to the southwest part of the valley; essentially adding another city approaching the size of Herriman or Riverton, but in a tenth of the land area.
- **Utility Infrastructure**: Utility infrastructure is a major concern. Research provided by the county shows that major improvements and capacity upgrades may be needed for some critical utilities. We are concerned about potential negative impacts for our residents, and the ability for service providers to adequately plan to meet future demand.
- **Roadway Infrastructure**: The traffic study shows that several of the roads in the area will be considerably impacted; likely causing many to fail. The study doesn’t take into consideration the impact on neighboring roads outside of the project area. A major flaw in the study was not including the impact to 12600 S, which is the major roadway in the area that connects the southwest part of the valley to I-15. This road has already reached critical levels of traffic during peak commute hours.
- **Open Space**: We have reservations about the development of the remaining open space in the southwest portion of the valley, especially at such a high density. We are worried that approval of this development would set a dangerous precedent for future undeveloped properties.

We appreciate the work the County Council does on behalf of citizens. We know these decisions are not made without much consideration. In our view, the only way to avoid negative impacts on neighboring communities is to lessen the overall density of the proposed project. We call upon members of the Salt Lake County Council to deny approval of the rezone in their June 5 meeting.”

Signed:
Mayor Sean Clayton and Vice Mayor Apollo Pazell, Copperton Township
Mayor David Watts, Herriman
Mayor Trent Staggs, Riverton
Mayor Jim Riding, West Jordan

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**Supporting Information**

- Attachment: “olympia-development-comparison.png”
- Attachment: “SLCo Zoning Meeting, May 22”
- Attachment: “Olympia MDA.pdf”