From: James Page
To: Chesnut, Judith; judychesnut@icloud.com
Subject: Re: Proposed Apartment complex at Boise Bible College
Date: Monday, December 29, 2025 10:37:56 AM

Thank you for your letter, Ms. Chesnut.

I have read it and am forwarding the letter to our city attorney so other councilmembers can review it before a design-review decision is made.

James Page
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From: judychesnut@icloud.com <judychesnut@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 8:53 PM
To: James Page <jpage@GARDENCITYIDAHO.ORG>
Subject: Proposed Apartment complex at Boise Bible College

I am a part time resident at Willowbrook Estates. Our address is 5543 Willowcrest Place, Garden City/Boise ID 83714. My husband, Wilson (Bill) Chesnut and I bought this small home with funds we received following the passing of my father in 2017.

Both my parents, my in-laws, myself, my husband and our four grown children were and have been Idaho residents for 60 years or so. I was born in Boise and have lived here for 65+ years. We also have a home in Placerville, Idaho, which is a city we have enjoyed for 50+ years. Bill has been a Fire Department Commissioner, City Councilman, and Mayor for Placerville. Bill and I have both been Placerville Historic Preservation Commission members in the past for 30+ years and I am somewhat active with them currently. We are people that believe about being involved with our communities and helping with projects. This is slowing down now, due to age and health concerns.

The proposed apartment complex will make major changes in our charming and quiet neighborhood. I am most concerned with the possible noise level in the area. Some of this issue will be due to construction, while other issues are simply with the additional people, pets and traffic in the area. With the activities area being near our section of the land, quiet nights will be no more. I appreciate our mostly quiet area, and the respect we all demonstrate for our neighbors. We have had quite a few folks sell their properties in Willowbrook and relocate elsewhere. This will continue to happen, but with the probability of property values going down due to the crowding factor in the area, we all have our concerns.

Many folks here have mentioned how the possibility of higher crime rates in the area are truly a concern. With added population, crime rates usually rise. Being a gated community has helped prevent or lower the possible crime concerns. We may need to have our gates closed day and night, rather than just for the nights. This would make deliveries difficult, and guest visitation a true challenge. It feels like our Shangri-La is imploding.

Some folks are concerned about the demand for utilities, wider roads to handle additional traffic, the need for more or bigger schools. The water, the water, the water is the biggest concern.

If your elderly parents were living in a pleasant setting, with friendly neighbors and in a relatively secure setting, would YOU-want them to have to experience the changes that may be around the corner with folks watching everything that they do, because of a multi-level apartment building being built behind their serene home??? PLEASE consider with all your heart the disadvantages of having a high rise, crowded apartment complex right behind your lovely one level home.

These are supposed to be our golden years, and many of us feel like tarnished silver is more what we will be experiencing if this multi-level complex is permitted to be constructed. Would YOU want this building complex behind YOUR home??

Please reflect heartily about these areas of concern for the many folks in our area and your beloved city. Thanks for your consideration.

Judith K. Chesnut
P.S. We spoke following the City Council meeting of 12-10-25.
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