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SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL ZONING IN MCKOWNVILLE

Ask yourself: DO YOU WANT PROFESSIONAL ZONING NEXT TO YOUR HOME?

DO YOU WANT INCREASED TRAFFIC ON YOUR STREET?

DO YOU WANT CARS BLOCKING YOUR DRIVEWAY AND PARKING ON YOUR LAWN?

THIS AFFECTS NOT ONLY WESTERN AVENUE BUT THE SIDE STREETS AS WELL!

About two years ago, there was a Town meeting in which many people expressed displeasure with the re-zoning of residential areas on the North side of Western Avenue that would allow homes on the corners of Elmwood and Parkwood Streets to be used by doctors, thereby setting a precedent for the establishment of commercialization. Since then, the Town ruled that doctors were not in compliance with the zoning regulations and were to be given legal notice to comply or vacate. NOTHING HAPPENED!

THEN there was a joint meeting of the Town Board, the Zoning Board, and the Planning Board in which citizens of McKownville and the doctors were present. The decision was, again, that the doctors should comply with present zoning laws. AGAIN NOTHING HAPPENED!

Recently, a Citizen's Committee, appointed by the Town Supervisor (Carl Walters) concluded that the doctors should comply with the present zoning regulations.

After two years of discussion and decisions by the community, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce has decided to 'make a study of the problem.' As a last pitch effort to expand commercialism in McKownville, they are recommending to the Town that 'professional zoning' is 'the answer.'

At a recent town board meeting, the board decided to hold a referendum on the issue for McKownville residents at the McKownville Fire House (exact times undecided, we will let you know) on May 22. The referendum is considered by the town to be an advisory vote as to how McKownville residents feel in regard to professional zoning.

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THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO INSIST THAT THE CURRENT ZONING LAWS BE ENFORCED! IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MCKOWNVILLE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY INPUT IN THE FINAL DECISION OF THE TOWN BOARD TO KEEP PROFESSIONAL ZONING OUT OF MCKOWNVILLE VOTE MAY 22 AT THE MCKOWNVILLE FIRE HALL. NOTIFICATION AS TO THE EXACT VOTING TIME WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

If you need further information, call me \_\_\_\_\_

John Esler, Vice President OR  
438-1197 McKownville Improvement Association

OR  
Melvyn Behn, President, McKownville Improvement Association  
489-8015

INSTRUCTIONS TO WORKERS:

- 1.. Explain the material on the attached fact sheet. Make sure individuals realize that the zoning law affects NOT ONLY WESTERN AVENUE BUT THE SIDE STREETS AS WELL.  
Also make sure they realize that this proposed law could be expanded to include the whole town.
2. This fact sheet is a sample of what we will be distributing to you in a couple days.. Leave a copy of each fact sheet with each home you visit. Ask them to tear off the bottom portion of the sheet and put it on their bulletin board or their refrigerator door as a reminder.
3. Tell them they will be getting further information about the referendum as soon as the town makes it available.
- 4.. Tell them if they have ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, be sure to call the people mentioned on the tear-off sheet.