

I am in opposition to the Docket #90 Amendment. The Stonehaven neighborhood is very large, with more homes being built every day. We are in dire need of schools directly within our community. Every child has the right to access quality education and by obstructing the construction a new middle school, you are depriving numerous children of this basic right. Schools directly in our community not only increase property value but also give our children access to better educational opportunities, to include less overcrowding, optimal teacher-student ratios and access to new facilities and equipment. Schools within our neighborhood also gives parents more convenience with transportation needs and can help keep our community safer because communities with schools typically have a higher police presence. Additionally, a new middle school would serve as an asset to the entire community, not just the families with school-aged children. Schools often function as community centers, providing resources and spaces for various activities beyond academic purposes. Blocking the school's construction would deny our community a valuable resource for education, events, and engagement.

Lennar should not be able to waive the 85% rule. A responsible home builder should recognize the importance of a sustainable and balanced development. A thriving community requires adequate infrastructure to supports its population. By opposing the construction of the middle school, Lennar is proving that they prioritize short-term profits over long-term well-being and sustainability of the community that it has built. Several Stonehaven residents are dealing with issues like land erosion, sewage problems, unknown/unexpected property tax bills, etc. We are also dealing with safety concerns due to Lennar's delay of transitioning the HOA management to homeowners. Lennar needs to address these issues before moving onto a new development and blocking the build of a middle school that will directly serve the residents of Stonehaven.

Suggestions that would reduce the need for relocation of the new middle school would be to redesign the architecture to make it smaller or taller, reduce the buffer zone and/or re-evaluate other sites on St. Charles Parkway in the direction of La Plata that residents of the Stonehaven neighborhood will still be zoned for.

Suggestions for waiving the 85% rule are to install signage in Stonehaven community. The signage needed are no trespassing, drug free zone, facilities close at dark for common areas (playgrounds and clubhouse) and under video surveillance signage. Lennar also needs to respond to and repair Stonehaven residents outstanding construction issues. Lastly, if the new middle school is unable to be built in the Highlands neighborhood then a new location needs to be identified along St. Charles Parkway, that residents of Stonehaven will still have access to, before continuing to build the Highlands Community.