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Mr. Charles Blaser, Chairman Members Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission City Hall Lawrence, Kansas 66044

RE: ITEM NO. 7A: PRELIMINARY PLAT; GEORGE SUBDIVISION NO. 4 (NORTHWINDS APARTMENTS); 1.31 ACRES; 200 NORTH MICHIGAN ST

Dear Chairman Blaser and Planning Commissioners:

We believe that this application will include the first sensitive lands site plan submitted under the revised sections regarding environmentally sensitive land. As such, we believe the wording on the conditions applied to this sensitive area site plan and plat will be establishing precedent. We suggest that in order to avoid ambiguity, the wording of Condition No. 1 be corrected regarding cutting timber. We suggest rewording Condition No. 1 to read as follows:

"1. Timber. Cutting of invasive non-native trees and invasive non-native shrubs may be done sparingly to maintain the character of the protected property, as long as this does not adversely affect the conservation [suggested correction] values of the protected property. Trees cut for the above authorized purposes may be utilized only [suggested addition] for personal use and shall not be sold commercially."

Thank you for considering our suggestion.

Sincerely yours.

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