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**Subject:** Rezoning

Commissioner,

I do not support the city rezoning the NW corner of K-10 and 6th Street.

We cannot afford additional infrastructure burdens for retail development. In my opinion, we are not adequately maintaining what we already have.

Further, expanding commercial development across K-10 will exacerbate sprawl, oversaturate an already weakened commercial real estate market and may harm our downtown.

In light of the city's recent vote to preserve farmland as part of NE sector plan (a vote that I supported and that I thank you for!), we need to preserve space for potential industrial development in the future. Thus, the current zoning at the NW corner should remain in place.

I ask that you please focus your energies on creating a community recreation center that serves the needs of the community at the NE corner, and forgo rezoning of the NW corner, for now.

I respectfully request that my comments be included in the public record for tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you.

Laura Routh

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**From:** Richard Heckler [rheckler2002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2012 8:44 PM  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** Field House PLAY Project

If KU is interested in a different location why is any annexation action taking place?

This field house PLAY project is too risky for local taxpayers. Too many assumptions, too much speculation and no one is sure when changes to this project will stop. Maybe not well thought out as yet. Moving a little too fast perhaps.

If we want to make Lawrence, Ks more attractive to whatever how about a grand display of fiscal responsibility instead of doing not necessary expansion that will effectively raise our taxes forever.

How can Lawrence taxpayers get the best bang for our 1994 sales tax bucks and improve the quality of life for more families and our public school students?

How about if Lawrence, Kansas rehabilitates our elementary schools by using 10%-15% of the 1994 sales tax money to reduce our property taxes? To assist USD 497 in the building rehab project. Let our 1994 sales tax dollars be a team player.

Additionally I say a NW neighborhood rec center could still be constructed close to Free State High School with 2 gyms and a walking/jogging track for public exercise probably for about \$10 million. Plus include additional court space at East Lawrence and Holcomb Rec Centers for maybe another \$3 million. No need for \$5-\$7 million \$\$\$\$ in new infrastructure.

In doing all of the above we have achieved shoring up the alleged lack of court space and improved the quality of life for our public school students and multiple neighborhoods throughout Lawrence, Kansas.

In doing the above Lawrence, Kansas has effectively improved the quality of life for more families throughout the community as well as improved property values for more families. This is definitely within the spirit of the 1994 sales tax that was approved by families throughout the community. A best bang for our 1994 sales tax dollars and for the taxpayers.

Dickie Heckler