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We have lived in this area since 2011 and have seen a lot of growth—some positive, but much of it has created serious challenges for the community. I want to express a major concern: our roads are simply not adequate to handle the current volume of traffic, let alone the additional growth that keeps coming. This is creating real safety issues and reducing the quality of life for the families who live here.

Every evening, it is frustrating to come home and face traffic backups just to get into our neighborhood. Even simple errands like going to the grocery store require careful planning around peak times, or else we risk being stuck in gridlock. I'm also very concerned about the future—when my child begins driving, she will have to navigate these dangerous, overcrowded roads every day going to and from school. That is extremely unsettling for me as a parent.

Not only is the main road unsafe, but people now try to avoid the traffic light by cutting through our neighborhoods. They fly down our streets with no regard for children, pets, or residents who might be outside walking or playing. I live on the main drag of Reunion Country Club, and I witness this daily. It is only a matter of time before a tragedy happens if something isn't done. I've even tried stepping outside to wave drivers down, but that only seems to make some of them go faster. God forbid a child runs into the street and gets hit because of someone's recklessness.

The amount of new construction—townhomes, apartments, and other developments—has clearly outpaced the infrastructure needed to support it. At this point, further building should be put on hold until the necessary road improvements are made. Otherwise, this problem will only get worse.

To give just one example: on Wednesday around 6:30 PM at the light on Spout Springs and Friendship, traffic was so backed up that drivers pulled into the intersection even when there was no room to move forward. Once the light changed, they ended up blocking

oncoming cars, creating more backups and dangerous situations. This has become a regular occurrence.

I strongly urge the county and developers to prioritize infrastructure before approving more construction. Our community deserves safe roads, manageable traffic, and a livable environment—not constant gridlock and safety risks.



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