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**From:** Rick Leake [mailto:rleake@bellsouth.net]  
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**To:** Brad Townsend; Clyde Stricklin  
**Subject:** Andretti application

As a long time resident of Windsor Forest Neighborhood I am deeply concerned that our neighborhood may be subjected to more urban noise by the proposal to create 2 outdoor go-karts in close proximity to us. Absolutely unbelievable is the insensitivity of Andretti's to our residential community to which it abutts as is its intention to operate the facility as late as 1am. Already our homes, yards, porches, patios are assaulted night and day by traffic noises (cars, trucks, motorcycles, sirens, etc) from Houze Road, Houze Way, Alpharetta Highway and Highway 92. It is already common to hear music and crowd noises from Roswell High School and Verizon Amphitheater at night in parts of our neighborhood. To add to this existing noise pollution the additional noise of go-kart engines whining in the background is not in the best interest of our residences, the nearby religious facilities and the businesses that are in close proximity to the proposed outdoor go-karts.

I have read the reports and recommendations regarding the request by Andretti to:

- 1) request special approval to create an outdoor entertainment facility
- 2) formal approval for their current violation of the city's landscaping ordinance

I believe the noise test conducted was not adequate because :

- 1) the number of vehicles running during the test did not represent the number that may be in operation
- 2) the size of the engines in use during the test may not be the same as what will be in operation
- 3) the report did not take into account the noise as it will travel down Houze Way and into our yards.
- 4) The report states that noise may be more noticeable the farther away from the source due to the lack of dampening noise, meaning our outdoor areas will hear the whine of go-kart engines.
- 5) The report did not take into account the current buffering of sound absorption by vegetation which would be lacking in the late fall, winter and early spring.
- 6) The report did not take into account the elevation of the go-kart tracks as they relate to the homes, churches and businesses in the area. Rather the test locations may have been in low places where the bulk of the noise passed over the test devices.
- 7) The report appears to be in error on the sound levels generated versus the number of vehicles tested (7 vs 10)
- 8) Sound testing did not measure the level of sound at the farther distances in our neighborhood even though it states the sound may be louder farther away due to the limiting of masking sound level from Houze Rd.
- 9) The measure of sound level alone is not an adequate measure of what may be at times a constant background

noise of go-kart engines whining as they round corners, accelerate and decelerate.

Lastly I am concerned that the business hours presented may interfere with religious services on the weekends and assault the neighborhood and surrounding area until 1 am at night. The later the hour, the more likely the sound will travel and be a nuisance as we attempt to enjoy our residential outdoor areas.

Also of consideration should be the additional traffic and related safety issues that may be added to our neighborhood street, Houze Way, as potentially more traffic travels between Crabapple Road and the proposed facility. Additional road traffic will increase our road noise and decrease the safety of walkers and of the bike riders who use Houze Way which is designated as a bike pathway.

Please preserve our already assaulted and fragile level of tranquility in our residential community by not allowing an outdoor go-karting facility which will introduce more noise pollution into our homes.

Regards,

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