

800 W Avon Rd Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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City of Rochester Hills Municipal Offices Attn: Planning Commission 1000 Rochester Hills Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Re: Rochester University Land Sale – Pulte Development

Dear Planning Commission Members,

Rochester University is pleased to support the sale and development of 7.9 acres to Pulte Homes. It is our hope that the Planning Commission will approve the plans submitted by Pulte Homes.

The university believes this project provides benefits to the community. The development itself will provide much needed new construction multi-family housing options for our campus community, both for staff/faculty families and students. The location is ideally suited for pedestrian access to the campus for residents. As a community enhancement, sidewalks will be extended on the western side of campus to connect the rest of the campus frontage on Avon Road with the Clinton River Trail. This challenging connection is the last segment of sidewalk needed to complete the public pedestrian access along the Avon corridor. In addition, existing passive trails behind the new development will be enhanced and extended to allow residents to park on campus and walk through wooded campus areas and provide public access to land currently owned by the city but land-locked.

The contract to sell approximately 7.9 acres to Pulte Homes for the development of condominiums in the NE section of our current property is in-line with our PUD and Master Campus Plan, approved and accepted by the city in 2006.

The university has enjoyed a 60-year history in this community. We currently employ over 140 full-time employees and 250 part time employees, with 1,100 fulltime students enrolled in 24 different majors and one graduate program. We are one of the largest employers in Rochester Hills and are grateful for the long-standing relationship we have had with the city of Rochester Hills.

If there is any additional information we can provide in support of this project, please let us know. We look forward to the positive review and consideration of this project by the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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