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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

Scott Turnbull, Staff Planner Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 2 Ellensburg, Washington 98926

Re:

Evergreen Park Preliminary Plat (P-06-13)

Dear Mr. Turnbull:

This letter is written on behalf of neighbors to the proposed Evergreen Park Preliminary Plat (P-06-13). Our comments are submitted on behalf of Dennis and Dawn Duglass, Dennis and Diana Burchak, Cecile Woods, Catherine L. Moore, Darrell and Carolyn Blalock, and Kathleen G. Woods.

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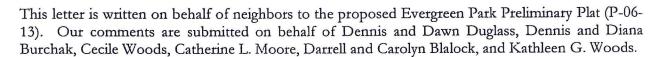
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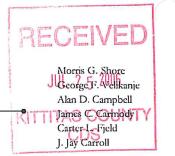
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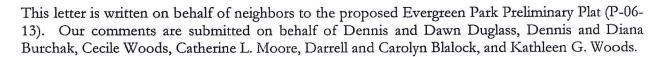
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