

Mt Hebron African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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The rich history of Sand Town (the vicinity surrounding the 3800 block of Springhill Avenue and Knowles Street) is one that the current residents are proud of and feel strongly about preserving. Many of these residents are the descendants of the same former slaves who started Sand Town. It is their heartfelt desire to remain a residential area in commemoration of the legacy that was left to them by their fore parents. They desire to preserve what remains of their beloved Sand Town.

We stand with them to express great concern about how the rezoning will impact the community. Please consider the appeal of the residents in the vicinity of the rezoning to remain a residential area. Springhill Avenue has already become a very busy thoroughfare. Questions linger regarding how continuous changes will change the character of the community. Businesses are sure to bring more traffic flow, safety issues, and additional noise.

This community has seen major changes throughout the years. The history of Sand Town is not documented under any historical registers. However, there are living descendants of the Sand Town residents (former slaves who sought a better life and built a community for their children to carry on) are still living in the Springhill/Knowles Street vicinity. They are hopeful that the rezoning committee will take their concerns to heart and reconsider rezoning the area from residential to business.

Respectfully,



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