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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Ms. Dhanya Sandeep City of Raleigh Planning Department Department of City Planning One Exchange Plaza, Suite 204 Raleigh, NC 27602-0590

Re: Hanson Aggregates Rezoning Application, Z-2-11

Dear Ms. Sandeep:

First, thank you for your efforts regarding the last set of revisions to the proposed conditions in rezoning case Z-2-11. We believe that they clearly articulate appropriate protections and the substantial public benefits that could have been components of this rezoning.

However, in light of the vote yesterday and recommendation of denial by the Planning Commission, the statutory protest petition, and the current political realities surrounding this case, management of Hanson Aggregates today has decided to no longer pursue the requested rezoning in Case Z-2-11. I understand that the deadline has passed for the application to be withdrawn and the agenda is now set for next Tuesday's meeting, but no one on behalf of Hanson will be present at the Council meeting.

Again, we appreciate the time and conscientious efforts of the City of Raleigh staff, the Planning Commission, the City Council, and all those who patiently evaluated and considered these issues. Hanson Aggregates is committed to continuing to be a positive corporate citizen contributing to the life, growth, and vitality of the City of Raleigh.

Very truly yours,

M. Gray Styers, Jr.

Cc: (all by e-mail)

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