

Media Release – Draft #2 – Petition Drive Outcome

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Clear Lake City Homeowners and Residents Create Huge Voice:
We Do Not Want the Golf Course Developed!

(Houston, Texas) – More than 100 walkers marched through Clear Lake City over the last few weeks armed with petitions against the development of Clear Lake Golf Club and they have returned with one huge voice of opposition. Over 3,100 signatures have been collected to date, each one in opposition to the plans to develop the community's last remaining green space.

“The petition drive was set up to cover Oakbrook, Oakbrook West, Camino South and Meadowgreen subdivisions, which really is only a small percentage of Clear Lake City residents,” stated Connie Shaw, Petition Drive Chairman for the Green Space Preservation Committee. “But people throughout Clear Lake, have been eager to sign as well, even though we have not yet formally rolled the petition drive out in other neighborhoods yet,” said Shaw. “The feedback the walkers are getting from residents is real outrage that a plan to develop this golf course is even remotely being considered. There is a pervasive feeling that this green space is an indispensable part of our community, and over 3,000 signatures in just four neighborhoods, bears this out,” Shaw said.

“These signatures reflect the overall position of the Clear Lake City community as against the destruction of the golf course, and in favor of our quality of life here in Clear Lake City,” said Bob Savely, Co-Chair of the Green Space Preservation Committee. “As our plans move forward, we will utilize these petitions with our elected officials, Exxon executives and Renaissance Golf Group owners to show our community concern regarding development,” Savely stated.

“Many serious issues concerning this development face the Clear Lake City community,” Savely said, “and the Green Space Preservation Committee is at work to get to the heart of them.” Research is being conducted by various members of the Green Space Preservation Committee on flooding, water management, school district resources, fire and safety issues, traffic and environmental impacts. “Flooding is probably our biggest concern, since at least one of the drainage ditches already exceeds capacity,” said

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Savely. “With these thousands of signatures we have shown community opposition to this development. Now we can look into issues that any responsible developer should be concerned with as well, and prove that losing this green space will be disastrous for all of Clear Lake City,” Savely stated. Savely also noted that homeowners who bought homes on the golf course are particularly concerned about homes and commercial development in or behind their backyards, since they were specifically sold golf course property and paid a premium for a golf course lot.

In January the current owners of the Clear Lake Golf Club, Renaissance Golf Group (RGG), began meeting with elected officials and the Clear Lake City Community Association (CLCCA) to discuss plans to develop the 178-acre course into single family homes and commercial use lots, in advance of deed restriction expirations on the property which prevent that development until 2021. The Clear Lake City Green Space Preservation Committee was formed in February of this year to formally combat this effort and protect the green space from development.

Concerned homeowners and residents can find a copy of the petition in opposition to the development of the Clear Lake Golf Club on the website for the Green Space Preservation Committee at www.clccl.org. Signatures will continue to be collected and can be submitted to Connie Shaw at 281-486-1788.

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