

Dear City of Blair Mayor and City Council Members,

With regard to the proposed Prairie Sky Apartments development by RIZER, I am very much in support of the development plan, especially if phases 2 and 3 can be focused on services and housing that aligns with the proximity of the YMCA (e.g. senior housing, senior center, childcare, etc.).

However, I am less in favor of utilizing TIF for housing. Hearing that Blair Community Schools is in agreement with RIZER about the math of new students and the very minimal impact it will have on the district has softened my opposition. Dense housing is important to the future health of a city, especially as part of a mixed-use development, and if TIF is the only way for that to be feasible, then I can't fully oppose it. However, doing the math is very important here, and since I haven't had the opportunity to do it myself, I will remain neutral on the TIF part of this project and allow those who have had the opportunity to weigh in. I hope you all have done the math yourselves.

In summary, I would like to voice strong support for all aspects of this development, with the exception of the TIF proposal. That I remain neutral on for now.

This is a challenging decision with a lot of passion on both sides and a long-term commitment to our city. Thank you for your service and thoughtful consideration.

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