

Important Neighborhood Meeting:

Coalition for Neighborhood Character and Quality

Dear Neighbor,

We, your neighbors, are concerned that St. Charles Seminary's planned sale of approximately 45 of its 75 acres fronting East Wynnewood Road could increase density and traffic, reduce precious open space, lead to an influx of short-cutting and parking on neighborhood streets, and permanently affect the quality and aesthetics of our neighborhoods.

We believe that a strong neighborhood organization is needed to help ensure that the neighbors are able to participate in the development process. The Seminary is moving quickly with its plans—on October 2, Bishop Timothy Senior, Rector of the Seminary, announced that it has engaged a consultant to manage its request for proposals for development of the college property and an RFP is expected out in the next month.

Please join us in building the *Coalition for Neighborhood Character and Quality* by coming to the Coalition's meeting on **Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Merion Tribute House**. We will report on what we know on the background and status of the sale and discuss immediate and longer range steps for the Coalition. We are organizing now because our experience is that it is better to be prepared and not needed than to be needed and unprepared.

Broadly, the Coalition seeks:

- To preserve the aesthetics, quality of life, green space, low density and character of a historic neighborhood along East Wynnewood Road in the face of increasing development pressures.
- To participate in land use planning for the future of the St. Charles Seminary tract.
- To inform members of the Coalition and affected neighborhoods of matters regarding the development of the St. Charles Seminary tract, including traffic volume and parking on neighborhood roadways.
- To provide advice and potential support to affected neighborhoods regarding other development along East Wynnewood Road.

Additional information regarding the Coalition can be found at www.stopmakingdense.org or you can email us at: stopmakingdense@gmail.com. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to become a member of the Coalition, please use the website to do so.

We hope that you can join us on **November 6**. Please tell your neighbors and encourage them to attend as well — our effectiveness grows with our membership!

Sincerely,

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Dan Larkin

David Frankford
Tom McConnell
Todd Sinai

Susan Guthrie
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