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To: Council <[council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:council@billingsmt.gov)>  
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Good evening, all.

It is our understanding that there will be discussion on the agenda at tomorrow night's meeting regarding a zoning change request by The Billings Islamic Center for property located at 630 Logan Lane (Billings Heights). This building is currently zoned as a NO (Neighborhood Office) and the request is to rezone it to NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use). TWE Wittman Properties, LLC (owned by myself and my husband) currently owns the property (636 and 640 Logan Lane) adjacent to this lot, so the impact of this zoning change affects us considerably. We have visited with the individuals wishing to establish a community gathering place and found them approachable and friendly. In discussing their plans for the current buildings, we believe that they would improve the property, which hopefully would also increase local property values.

Our primary concern with the proposed zoning change is the lack of parking room. At most, there is room for 3-4 vehicles in front of the building at 630 Logan. Our adjacent property is currently leased to TWEnterprises, Inc and the parking lot there would NOT be available to the Islamic Center. We did note that fact in our discussion with them, so hopefully they have come up with alternative parking for congregational meetings during the week, evenings and weekends. We were out of town on March 7 when the City Zoning Commission met for initial discussions on this matter, but hope to be present as observers tomorrow night. There is a parking lot across the street (north of Logan) which is generally reserved for members of Planet Fitness. Employees of TWEnterprises have not been allowed to park there when their own parking lot was full, so unless express permission has been given for Islamic members to park there, parking would be limited to 'on the street'.

As discussion takes place, we would appreciate this concern being brought up without us being identified, to prevent misunderstanding re: our motives. Again, we believe the representatives we have met to be upstanding and helpful community members. Our only concern is to prevent future issues with parking as their congregation grows and thrives.

Respectfully,  
Gladys Wittman,

TWE Wittman Properties, LLC.