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I am writing to express my opposition to the request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for First Baptist Church to allow a private school (Harvest Christian Academy) to occupy what I presume is their existing church building.

Over the past 36 years, First Baptist Church Keller TX has incrementally acquired over 16 acres of property in the vicinity of the existing church, zoned SF 8.4 and categorized as HD-SF in the recently approved Future Land Use Plan. These acquisitions have obliterated a historic residential Keller neighborhood, one of the few areas of relatively affordable housing within the city, and likely contributed to the decline of neighboring residential properties by causing lots to be vacant for an extended period of time. While I am forced to respect the right of the church to build worship facilities within residential zoning districts, surely the laws passed to protect those rights did not contemplate wholesale destruction of residential neighborhoods by mega-churches.

Therefore, I believe the property being vacated by the church should revert to residential use, and I would be opposed to any other use of the subject property. I do not believe Keller's best interests are served by granting this SUP and I see nothing that compels the city to grant it. Please share this email with the P&Z Commissioners.

Thank you,

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