

## **Petition to Oppose Rezoning of a Portion of Starfire Golf Club Open Space to Residential Use Proposal #452-PA-2025**

**To:** Greg Bloemberg, Principal Planner, Mayor Borowsky and Scottsdale City Council and the Scottsdale Planning Commission

We, the undersigned residents, community members, and concerned citizens, strongly oppose the proposed rezoning of a portion of the Starfire Golf Club property in Scottsdale, Arizona, from its current designation of **Open Space to Residential**, which would allow for the construction of housing on land currently reserved for recreational and environmental purposes.

### **Our Objections Are As Follows:**

#### **1. Erosion of Community Character and Quality of Life:**

Residents are tired of infill development. Is it beneficial financially for Swing First Golf? Yes, but at the cost to all who live in the surrounding area. It is not benefiting the greater community of Scottsdale.

#### **2. Environmental Impact:**

The proposed subdivision would have an irreversible negative impact on the environment. Once this open space is gone, it is gone forever including mature trees, urban wildlife and the first leg of the Indian Bend flood control system. The heat island effect will rise.

#### **3. Preservation of Open Space:**

Open Space zoning exists to protect the character, environment, and quality of life in Scottsdale. We wish to preserve what precious Open Space is left in the middle of our City.

#### **4. Traffic and Pedestrian Burden:**

All ingress/egress for proposed development is in a 750 ft area of the double curve of Sundown Dr, a street without sidewalks, curbs or streetlights which is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists. This is not a good mix.

#### **5. Violation of Public Trust:**

Residents chose to live near Starfire Golf Club with the understanding that the land was zoned for Open Space. Changing this designation erodes trust in city planning and governance. Long-term planning should prioritize community values and public commitments over short-term development gains.

### **Our Request:**

We respectfully urge the **Scottsdale City Council and Planning Commission to reject any progression of Project #452-PA-2025** for the Starfire Golf Club property. We call on city leaders to honor Scottsdale's commitment to responsible land use, environmental stewardship, and the protection of community assets.

