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THIS HOME WILL BE LEFT IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE TORN DOWN

control of the Association. Packed by both pro-and anti-Loop forces, the meeting tottered to the brink of dissolution. The pro-road forces had pre-planned several moves to ram-rod handpicked candidates to head the Association board of officers. When anti-Loop floor strength became apparent, one attempt was made to call of the meeting entirely. All of these efforts, however, failed and roadway opponents carried. Barbara Willits, long a Loop opponent, was elected President 28 to 23. This action set the stage for the great neighborhood victory of Nov. 8, where the Haskell Loop was dealt a resounding defeat by neighborhood residents.

But the fight will not stop here. Even now, East Lawrence Citizens For Housing Preservation is baraging state and federal agencies such as the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity with information and plans for intervention in the courts. Confident of victory, these East Lawrence residents ask for the support of people all over the City of Lawrence. Having come out of the woodwork to take a strong stand against the neighborhood invasion, East Lawrence now welcomes increasing letters and calls for support from the City at large.

PUBLIC NOTICE is obviously heartened by the turn of events on the East side. Having cut our teeth on the Haskell Loop issue more than a year ago, it's been satisfying to see the public discussion continue.

The issue is heated. People on both sides of the argument can make points and introduce facts to justify their respective positions. PUBLIC NOTICE flatly demands that those in power in this town begin to consider the problems of traffic flow and expansion of the industrial tax base secondary to the housing needs of its citizens. While the City trips over its shoelaces to see that plenty of expensive suburban homes are going up south and west of town, residents of 50 and 60 years are watching as the older neighborhoods crumble. Stealing Community Development money intended to help these neighborhoods is not the answer. And roadways don't keep the rain off anyone's neck. Only thoughtful and responsive government can meet human needs. Folks on the East side are still waiting.

The following are edited excerpts from the press release recieved at the PUBLIC NOTICE on Oct. 26, from the East Lawrence Citizens for Housing Preservation. It outlines their involvement with the Environmental Impact Statement which was released by the City early in October. They were the first group to review the document, which may prove crucial in the battle over construction of the Haskell Loop.

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