

**Sara E. Sims**

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**Subject:** Sim's Place mound complex- zoning issue

This e-mail is at the request of Sara Sims in regard to the property zoning issue before you tonight. I have spoken with Ms. Sims about protection of the mounds that are on her property. The Chitimacha Tribe is very much interested in protection and avoidance of these cultural resources. The Sims family has protected these mounds and has vowed to continue to preserve them. If Ms. Sims does develop her property she has stated that this would only be done in consultation with the regional archaeologist to insure, through survey and testing, that no part of the site will be impacted. We are appreciative of Ms. Sims commitment to protection of ancestral burials and village sites. Many archaeological sites are on private land and sometimes landowners do not take the responsibility to protect the resources that they own. We wish more landowners were like Ms. Sims. We recently reburied remains that were disturbed by a tree fall on top of Mound C. Ms. Sims allowed us to do that and for that we are grateful.

How does this relate to zoning? I don't really have that answer, as I am not fully aware of the process; however I'd like you to consider this invaluable and irreplaceable resource when deciding on which type of activity will be permitted on or near this site. It is part of our shared Louisiana history.

I will be unable to attend the meeting tonight, but would be glad to clarify anything or answer any questions. My work number is below. I will be in the office tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

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