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**Opposition to Rapp Road/Costco DEIS**

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To: kovalchikk@togny.org

Dear Mr. Ken Kovalchikk,

I am writing in regard to the Rapp Road/Costco DEIS with many concerns.

The first that I would like to address is the traffic congestion on Western Ave. that is already horrible and dangerous. The DEIS traffic study, shows the condition for Westmere Terrace will decline from level E to level F which is the worst. The solution is not the opening of the end of our road as suggested as a mitigation strategy. As you are aware, Mr. Soos from Pyramid assured us on many occasions that our road would not be opened up. It is my hope that Pyramid keeps their promises to us this time unlike the promises they made in 1994 which were repeatedly compromised.

Secondly, the building of the COSTCO, a big box store, does not seem to be in keeping with the intent of the TOD zoning. It specifically calls for less parking spaces and encouragement of public transportation. Also, it is not supposed to negatively impact the existing neighborhoods. It is impossible for our socio-economic life not to be affected which is not adequately addressed in the DEIS.

Thirdly, I am very concerned that the public hearing is being held via telephone. Of course I understand the necessity of this due to the pandemic but for such an important project I would request that it be postponed until we can safely participate in person.

Sincerely,

Karen Howe

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