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## Costco and Rapp Rd Development

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To: kovalchikk@togny.org

Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 3:25 PM

Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed development on Rapp Road and the Costco planned. Some of my concerns I had planned to voice at the proposed March 11th meeting, but since the onset of the COVID-19 crises, I have new concerns.

The traffic that already travels Rapp Road to get to Crossgates Commons and Washington Ave Ext. cannot be supported as evidenced by the continual deterioration of the road and subsequent need for repair. In addition, this flow of traffic is a disruption to the neighborhood on the road as evidenced by the report from the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The construction of new apartments and mixed use retail will only add to traffic congestion, continued road repair and disruption in the neighborhood.

Currently, Crossgates is changing its mix of retail and entertainment as customers change their shopping and buying habits. The "mall" is becoming more of an entertainment center and less of a buying center. With the continued turn towards online purchasing, the construction of the big-box retail center Costco doesn't make sense in the long run.

In the face of all of the current uncertainty surrounding the issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, new construction on a giant retail store, apartments and more retail could be a huge, ugly mistake. With high unemployment, you are unlikely to fill apartments and unlikely to have shoppers in the retail.

In closing I want to say that I am extremely discouraged to see that the land where Costco is proposed is already being cleared even though public comment is still open. Why is that happening?

Please do not approve this development.

Sincerely,  
Christine Govin