



## Costco Jobs

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Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

As a member of the local business community, I am closely following the discussion on the proposal for the Costco in our town. I understand the concerns and unique challenges that our town faces, as well as the current opportunities for future prosperity.

I believe that as residents and taxpayers in town that we must take a rational approach to this project. There is no dispute that Costco will be successful in this location, that the construction of the store will create hundreds of jobs and this will be a boost to the local and regional economy. The completed project will also pump hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Guilderland School District and the Town tax base each year. Being a parent of students in the district, this new influx of tax dollars is welcomed.

Conversely, there is no dispute that this store will create more traffic, but there are measures in place to mitigate it. The design of the project will not have access to Western Avenue and will instead funnel traffic into the Crossgates ring road. The goal is to get most of the traffic off of Western and the surrounding areas.

We also must consider the facts that the development will create a berm to cut down on noise surrounding the store and, as part of the plan, two local non-profits will be given acres of land for free.

It should also be noted that the COVID-19 crisis has ravaged our economy. Any development project of should be lauded, not criticized.

We have to think about all of these factors when making a decision. I believe the facts are clear. We should support this project and work to get construction started as soon as possible.

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