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Comments in Support of Pyramid

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**To Town Planner Ken Kovalchik and
Members of the Guilderland Planning Board**

I am writing to express my support of two Pyramid projects now under consideration.

The Costco project is on private land and not contiguous with Pine Bush property. It is also in the middle of commercial businesses with Western Avenue on one side and Crossgates on the other. It's better to concentrate such businesses where one business can feed the other and would draw a larger customer base for all.

The proposed multiple housing units to the west end will provide living accommodations for new tax paying residents and is within the transportation zoning district created for this purpose. This property has not been maintained by the Pine Bush Commission for the benefit of the Karner Blue. To designate it as a "buffer" zone really means that the municipality has confiscated private property.

Obviously, the increase in tax base with minimum demand on the school system is beneficial to Guilderland at time when this income will be in desperate need by the town and especially the school district.

Access from the Ring Road which feeds directly to the Northway/Thruway will create little impact on traffic in the surrounding area.

As far as the increase in height of the theater and its impact, I would defer to the opinion of the Pine Bush Commission.

In closing, Pyramid has been a good neighbor to the town and region. (Successful businesses protest its tax levies.) They have made every effort to increase their customer base by building two hotels nearby. These new projects are no doubt intended to buttress their existing businesses. It's to our benefit to see Crossgates thrive and not become an abandoned facility or even half filled. A shopping facility with numerous vacancies and/or with cheaper outlets as part of its retail space would reduce residential property values in

Guilderland. Too many such closed facilities are near and across the nation. There are/were several in the Capital Region.

Thank you

**Jerry Houser
Guilderland.**

**From the Potting Bench of
G. Houser**



Public Comment: I Support the Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Project

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One factor that I didn't include in my previous letter of support relates to the taxes that the proposed structures will bring to the town and school district.

More revenue is critical given the Governor's recent comments regarding forthcoming reduced state budgets.

It would be irresponsible for town officials to reject critical new revenue sources.

Jerry Houser
Guilderland