



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

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Mr. Kovalchik,

I am a Costco shopper and very excited about the prospect that one could be coming to the Capital Region. I do travel outside of the state to shop, which usually leads to buying gas and a meal outside of the region. This is revenue that could be spent here and taxes that could be applied to the Town of Guilderland and the school district. Without a Costco locally, this money goes somewhere else.

I understand is there is opposition to the development because of the proximity to the Pine Bush, the impact to the neighboring Rapp Road Association, and the additional traffic this development would bring to the area. The developer is donating acres of land to both the Pine Bush and Rapp Road. And has offered nine options on how to best mediate traffic in the area. I believe these actions show there can be a balance of business, natural resources, and appropriate traffic control for the area.

Crossgates Mall and all of their new development with the hotel, entertainment, and restaurants has been very successful. It is easy to extrapolate that a Costco would be just as successful. Costco shoppers are very loyal and like their stores! Shoppers will come into the Capital Region to shop, just like I leave to go elsewhere to shop.

Given the current situation we are all facing, we need development like right now. It will bring a new tax base to the town and county – and new jobs - at a very important time. I don't think we could ask for a better laid plan in terms of being well developed and providing balance for the community. I hope you will approve of this development.

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