



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

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today regarding the proposal to build a Costco in Guilderland.

I've been a resident of Guilderland since 2006 and have operated businesses in Crossgates Mall since 2006. As an owner of retail business in Crossgates mall I've seen firsthand the improvements brought to the community when new businesses and opportunities are introduced to the area.

Bringing the upstate's only Costco to the Western Avenue business area would have innumerable benefits to town residents and local business owners. Residents will enjoy the convenient location, one-stop shopping, and more than 150 job opportunities coming to their backyard. Businesses will benefit from Costco being nearby, as well as the the competitive prices the company offers. Such a large deal will also bring an enormous financial benefit to the town; with estimates of more than \$2 million in new sales tax revenue for Albany County as well as more than \$500,000 in new property tax revenues for the Town of Guilderland and the Guilderland Central School District, these financial incentives cannot be overstated.

When I consider the overwhelmingly positive benefits this deal would provide to the Town of Guilderland, I feel that this is a wonderful chance to improve the lives of all town residents, and an opportunity that cannot be missed.

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