
Crossgates

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Hello Mr. Kovalchik,

I am taking the time to write this letter as I have become aware of the upcoming Rapp Road/Western Avenue mixed use redevelopment project. As a life-long member of Guilderland, I am writing in support of this project. Throughout the years, I have personally witnessed and have experienced the value and benefit having a mall like Crossgates brings to a community. Besides being a way to let everyone know where Guilderland is by just mentioning Crossgates Mall, it has been a destination for my family throughout the years. In my opinion, having Crossgates in our community is just as beneficial as say, having the Albany Airport so close. In these days where everyone is so busy and time is precious, it is all about convenience and now with all of the entertainment, restaurants and shopping, it is a one-stop destination for just about anything answering the demand for convenience.

Just as recently as yesterday, I was able to enjoy the Mirbeau Spa for a day of relaxation and I only had to travel a few miles. On other occasions, I have frequented with friends and family, the comedy club, the concert venue, the Apex not to mention the many restaurants, movies and stores.

Let me just highlight the restaurants at Crossgates. One of my main gripes and I know I speak for many other residents in Guilderland is the lack of eating establishments in our Town. Without Crossgates, we are extremely limited on restaurants which forces us to go to and support other Town's businesses. We need to encourage development and businesses to come into our Town, this helps our tax base.

To sum up, Crossgates has been an integral part of this Town and my family and I fully support any expansion/development efforts.

I may be reached for further comment if needed.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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