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Re: Costco

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I humbly present this formal dissent, expressing my strong opposition to the proposed tax abatement to be granted by the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to Crossgates/Pyramid as this particular project will not be available to all county residents given Costco's annual membership fees. As such, I firmly believe that any decision regarding eminent domain should not be subjected to a vote at this time, but rather should be deliberated upon by the voters of Albany County.

Firstly, I express my deep concern regarding the tax abatement sought by Crossgates/Pyramid. Granting such abatements undermines the principle of fair taxation and places an undue burden on other taxpayers within the community. I firmly believe that a thorough assessment of the economic impact, potential benefits, and long-term consequences must be undertaken before making any decisions pertaining to tax abatements. It is imperative that we prioritize the equitable distribution of tax burdens among all stakeholders.

Furthermore, with regard to the issue of eminent domain, I strongly urge against any hasty vote being taken. Eminent domain is a complex and sensitive matter, and its implementation should be approached with utmost caution and transparency. Instead of making a unilateral decision, I propose that the issue be brought before the voters of Albany County. This will ensure that all affected residents have an opportunity to voice their concerns, contribute to the decision-making process, and collectively shape the future of our community.

In conclusion, I implore the Guilderland Town Board to consider the long-term implications of granting tax abatements to Crossgates/Pyramid and to refrain from hastily voting on the matter of eminent domain. Let us foster a culture of open dialogue, inclusive decision-making, and responsible governance by involving the voters of Albany County in the process. By doing so, we can ensure that our community's best interests are preserved and that the principles of fairness and transparency are upheld.

Respectfully,

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