



Letter of Opposition

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Mr. Kovalchik,

Please post the following comment to the website under Letters of Opposition and forward it to all members of the Planning Board.

I'm sending this letter on Earth Day's 50th anniversary. For decades, experts have been trying to convey the urgency of protecting our environment. If the current Pyramid proposal is approved, it will mean loss of habitat for endangered and threatened species (see Letter #1 from Grace Nichols and read the documentation she cited). It will also have permanent, negative impacts on the residents of the adjacent neighborhoods (see Letters #4, #8, #15, #23, #24, #27, and #29 from residents of Westmere Terrace and Kent Place).

COVID-19 has changed the way society functions and it would be irresponsible to forge blindly ahead with this project before we have an understanding of what the new normal will be. We do know that the proposed development would replace some of the last remaining green space in this part of town with concrete and asphalt, thereby exacerbating climate change and displacing many species of butterflies, birds, and animals. It would also rob residents of well established Westmere neighborhoods of the quality of life that they have left.

The town's financial well being and protection of the environment don't have to be mutually exclusive goals. It will require more time, effort, and patience to devise a plan that works for everyone. We have too much to lose to let this project be built as proposed. The projected gains are just that...projections with nothing to back them up in our post pandemic world.

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Sent from my iPad