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Kenneth Kovalchik, Town Planner  
Town of Guilderland  
Guilderland Town Hall  
P.O. Box 339  
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Re: Costco and Rapp Road apartment projects

Dear Mr. Kovalchik:

Pyramid's latest Costco and apartment projects will not connect with the community as it will actually divide the existing surrounding communities. There is no community being in a parking lot of 700-800 cars or waiting in constant traffic in the vicinity of the project.

The project will also erode the unique and delicate buffer in place now.

It is easy to support something from afar as opposed to have to live with the effects on a daily basis. Would the residents of other communities such as Slingerlands or those in Saratoga County support the project if it bordered their homes? Would business owners in the mall support the project if it was next to their homes? Business owners and employees can leave at the end of their day unlike the nearby residents. How likely is it that the owners and/or employees of businesses that might be involved in the construction actually live here and will be impacted by the project? The Planning Board should consider whose interests in the project may just be temporary versus those whose daily lives will be negatively impacted.

It is questionable how the current mall has enhanced the quality of life in the town when an increased law enforcement presence is now required at the mall. Given the November 2019 shooting at Pyramid's Syracuse location, Guilderland should consider the true quality of life it is offering its residents by supporting this project.

Have the impacts of the project on all the effected species been accurately evaluated through every season?

Have the impacts of the project on air quality been accurately evaluated through each season?

Has there been a thorough air quality analysis of the cars queuing for gas pumps and of vehicles waiting to enter Western Avenue from all nearby intersections?

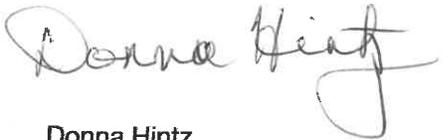
The purported tax revenue of the project could also be realized by relocating the project to the underutilized parking area already developed by Pyramid, thereby lessening some environmental disturbances.

In Section 10 regarding alternatives contains the following conclusory statement: "Alternatives involving Crossgates Mall property or facilities have been considered but determined to be not feasible." The DEIS lacks a thorough analysis of this alleged consideration and analysis.

There does not appear to be any information about the City of Albany's position on some of the proposed alternatives shown in Appendix I. Additionally, Alternate 5 in Appendix I defeats interstate access, a TOD goal, for other residents.

Given the town's involvement and support of the premature tree cutting in violation of NYSDEC requirements, the town should be removed from handling this application and the related environmental review as it is clear that a decision has been arbitrarily and capriciously made before the process has been completed. Life is not being put on hold as the supervisor claims, instead, the legal review process is being followed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Hintz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Donna Hintz