



Public comment Rapp Road residentia/Western Avenue Redevelopment Project

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To: Kovalchikk@togny.org

Good Evening-

I am a long time Westmere resident and home owner that lives only a short mile from the Crossgates property. I am aware and in support of the proposed Costco and residential development that Pyramid is seeking approval on. As a former Crossgates employee, I have seen the mall transform into a place that has grown over the years and continues to thrive.

I have been to small towns in states like Ohio where malls don't survive and have ended up closing their doors. Other businesses in the town have closed as well, leaving schools in dire need of tax revenue that they may never see again. We need to not be careless and let that happen in Guilderland. A smart developer like Pyramid knows what investments are needed to keep Crossgates alive, and we as the people that reside here, need to keep that in mind also. Everyone needs more jobs and this project would create just that. My grandkids need the tax revenue for their schools so that we can stay ahead of the curve like Guilderland prides itself on.

Generating tax revenue on almost vacant property so that our property tax doesn't rise seems smart to me.

So I urge Guilderland to make the right decision and approve of this project. We need it.

Thank you -

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