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**Costco**

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Dear Kenneth Kovalchik,

My husband and I are in favor of the proposed development for Crossgates and for the Town of Guilderland. As a huge supporter and shopper of Crossgates Mall, it is imperative that we keep our town's main tax payer relevant.

In reviewing the *Environmental Impact Statement* on the town's website, the proposed residential apartments and the proposed retail-chain Costco would both be built on vacant land. By searching through this public information, I noticed that the town, school and county would reap the following benefits:

- Guilderland Central School District – additional \$437,000 in annual school taxes
  - currently receiving \$112,000 on the vacant land
- Town of Guilderland – additional \$81,000 in annual property taxes
  - currently generating \$32,000 on the vacant land
- Albany County – additional \$67,000 in annual property taxed
  - currently generating \$28,000 on the vacant land
- Town of Guilderland & Albany County – additional \$2 million in new annual sales tax revenue
  - currently there is no sale of goods – no sales tax generated for the town
- From my calculations, the two projects will create over 1,200 job and \$43 million in payroll – for construction and for long-term employment

Currently, New York State is working through the 2020-2021 school budget. Recently, it was announced that the state might see a \$6 million deficient in state aid. As you can see above, the growth proposed by Pyramid would soften the blow to the Guilderland Central School District if the town was able to approve both projects.

As a Guilderland homeowner over the past three decades, we have seen steep increases in our annual taxes. And as a baby-boomer moving into retirement, we cannot afford to see additional annual increases. As an avid shopper, let's bring Costco to the area.

Please support this growth.

Kind Regards,

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