
Opposition to the Rapp Road and COSTCO developments

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Sir,

I write today to confirm my most fervent opposition to these projects.

As you well know I and my wife reside on Westmere Terrace.

I have been at a number of meetings with you, the town supervisor Mr. Barber, Jim Soos from Pyramid and fellow Westmere neighbors over the last year.

You know our position vis a vis these matters so I shall not reiterate here. Others have done that far more eloquently than I.

However, I will point out that the letters of "support" posted on the towns website seem

mostly from companies who wish to curry favor with Pyramid in some way. Others are hoping for transitory construction work, whilst still others are already in Crossgates Mall proper and beholding to that corporate behemoth.

Purported residential comments by far come from people who live no where near

our fragile neighborhoods and suffer no direct impact on their day to day lives which to me negates their value.

In the March 19th 2020 Altamont Enterprise article describing your article 78 filings to protect your parents property you are quoted as saying "because money always sways opinions."

Agreed, and Pyramid has plenty of it. We as residents do not.

That lack of funds belies our struggle on Westmere Terrace....we are faced with opposing a well financed corporate giant who has friends in town government.

Further, due to the pandemic public meetings will be prohibited preventing people from appearing face to face with the non-elected people who hold our fate in their hands. Doing so via video conference instead might satisfy the law, certainly not the democratic principles of free speech.

Delay these proceedings until the public can speak to them properly, to do less is an injustice to all.

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