



Pyramid/Rapp Rd DEIS

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To: Kenneth Kovalchik <kovalchikk@togny.org>

Mr. Kovalchik,

As you know, my husband and I live on Westmere Terrace and we are opposed to the projects of the apartments and Costco. These projects are literally in our backyards and will negatively impact the quality of life for our street as we are the most impacted by these proposed structures.

Our street is being changed forever. The tranquility of our street is being destroyed. The privacy to my neighbors who live closest to the apartments will be gone as the upper two floors will be able to look down into their yards. The animals are being displaced because their homes are being destroyed. Who knows what kind of air quality we'll be breathing in. We will have to deal with the noise, use of heavy equipment, etc., with construction going on for possibly 2 years for the apartments. I'm sure Costco will be erected in months so it is ready for Christmastime shopping. My concern also with Costco is the placement of the gas station and where the tanks will be going, trucks going in to fill them up and fumes from cars and gas pumps as this will not be far from the other side of my backyard.

As you also know, the traffic here is already horrific and will only get that much worse. It doesn't matter that Costco will open at 10 a.m.; it will still produce much more traffic during the hours that are not peak and the increase during peak will be that much more ridiculous. You can keep telling us about the traffic studies, but as residents of this street that deal with this every single day, the only thing we agree on the studies with is that our street has the worst rating you can get in a traffic study and you can't get any lower than an F, which is what we are and, again, only going to get worse.

I have read the letters from people that are supporting this project and I notice that none of them live on our street or have these projects on top of their homes. My question to them would be: Would you want this, literally, in your backyard? I asked Jim Soos, a Pyramid executive, that same question and he told me he would not and because it is not going to affect his home, these projects will happen.

We understand that progress can be a good thing for the Town, but it should not be on the backs of the residents of Westmere Terrace or any other directly affected neighborhood. Please reconsider these projects as they will be changing the lives of the residents on our street for a very long time to come.

Thank you.

Lisa and Tom Hart