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## Public Comment: Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Project

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Good Afternoon Mr. Kovalchikk –

I just wanted to reach out as I will not be present at the 3/25 planning board meeting. I have been following the status of the Rapp Road development project and want to convey my continued strong opinion that this project will be a win-win for Guilderland and it's residents.

I have been a guilderland resident for over 26 years and have seen consistent growth with many developments being built throughout Guilderland that has assisted and supported great economic growth and stability for our community. With taxes on the rise we as residents are

looking to generate new property taxes to help limit any future increases. This project has the absolute potential to double the current tax

revenues that Crossgates generates , create new jobs with the introduction of Costco and add new residents to our great community.

The recent hotel built by Crossgates Mall is an exceptional example of the kind of community expansion projects that help our economy and local businesses.

This project will be in a parallel path supporting additional permanent resident increases and support overall local spending. It is also my understanding

that the development team has gone above and beyond to be accommodating local neighbors concerns and the plan also includes access for pedestrians,

walking and biking trails as well as landscaping that will limit noise and beautify the area.

In closing , the Crossgate Mall is an iconic landmark and has been for over 35 years. I can't tell you how many of my friends and family

that live down in the Lower Hudson valley make this a frequent destination for all their shopping and dining experiences which speaks

volumes on how Crossgates continues to do things in manner which connects directly to our community but also far-reaching throughout the

state and Northeast. Crossgates has a proven track record of delivering and exceeding expectations when it comes to building and improving our

community. I hope this email has given you some insight into what our community needs!!!!

Thanks in advance for your time and best regards,

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