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**Subject:** 2502 Packard Street Site Plan

Hello,

I am getting in touch about a proposed change to the zoning of “the george”. My understanding is that prior to its redevelopment this site used to contain retail, including a grocery store, and that maintaining that retail was a priority for the new development. While I support densification, **new housing without accessible retail decreases walkability**. Before moving to Ann Arbor, I never even considered buying a car. Upon moving here, however, I quickly learned that owning a car was nearly mandatory as **there is nowhere one can live that is walking distance to a grocery store and the University**. Until there are walking distance grocery stores, this town will continue to be a car-mandatory place.

I strongly urge you to rethink your planning strategy if these new developments are unable to attract ground-level retail. Dense housing units in the middle of nowhere are not going to improve the town if they don't have walkable retail – especially a grocery store. Please do not approve the zoning change at the George, and prioritize walkable communities by demanding mixed use buildings.

Sincerely,  
Amir