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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Opposition to allowing The George to turn retail space into housing

Dear Planning Committee,

Since the George was built residents of this neighborhood (I live at 2900 E. Eisenhower Pkwy) have looked forward to the day we would once again have shops available in that space. The George was approved with the understanding that retail space would return. This understanding was extremely important to my neighbors and I. The convenience of a nearby grocery store, post office, and a collection of other small shops is greatly missed in this neighborhood, and I am terribly disappointed that the city planning staff would recommend The George be allowed to not fulfill this promise to the community. My understanding is that the retail space has rent so high as to be prohibitive for businesses, especially in a pandemic/post-pandemic economy. However, adding more high-priced living space to the neighborhood will be detrimental and not in line with the goals of the city to have walkable neighborhoods. Please do not allow this to occur.

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