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To: City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission

From: Kit Fuller

Re: Circle K redevelopment for Packard and Stadium

I am writing to share my concerns about the Circle K redevelopment being planned for the corner of Packard and Stadium.

I live with my father on Iroquois, in the home he has owned since 1959. Along with my neighbors, I enjoy the residential character of our neighborhood. Our street is full of children and dogs, as well as older folks like my dad. It is extremely important to us to maintain a safe walking environment for our community, as has been evidenced by our determined advocacy for our speed bumps!

Negotiating the Packard & Stadium intersection has always been a concern for us. Among our priorities for any redevelopment is pedestrian safety.

I understand that the Commission will be considering the "by-right" plan, and a new Alternate Plan.

Between those 2, I have a strong preference for the ALTERNATE plan. The by-right plan would make me fear for pedestrian safety, with the amount of view blocked by the building. The by-right plan also puts lights, traffic, and noise closer to our homes on Iroquois.

While there are some issues I hope can be addressed with the Alternate plan, I believe it is safer for pedestrians. I believe it will be more aesthetically appealing than a building along the sidewalk. And placing the building between the pumps and the houses will mitigate some of the concerns we have about sound and light pollution.

I would be willing to support a minimal variance for the building in order to have the Alternate plan instead of the by-right plan.

I continue to urge the planners to use softer lights, barriers to sound and light between the station and the homes, and making it as neighborhood-friendly as possible.

I thank you for your careful consideration to this matter, which directly affects our safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

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