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To: Planning
Subject: 2151 W Stadium Blvd proposed drive-through

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I understand you may be evaluating a special exception to allow a drive-through at the above address.

While I support credit unions—and the needed convenience that drive-throughs afford to some individuals—I would encourage the Commission to weigh the trade-offs of an affirmative vote. As you all know, we have both a climate and affordable housing crisis, and there is keen interest in looking for ways to accommodate more transit-oriented housing supply. Every time we perpetuate or allow new auto-oriented uses in the city, not only do we crowd out residential uses close to jobs, we also:

- make the community less walkable due to increased collision hazards and distance among destinations,
- decrease transit usage,
- work against our climate action goals, and
- lose infrastructure efficiency and needed tax revenue that multi-story residential or mixed-use projects bring.

There are many nearby municipalities that welcome drivable development; my humble suggestion is that the petitioner seek out a more appropriate location.

Thank you as always for your service and commitment to a more sustainable Ann Arbor.

Best wishes,
Kirk Westphal

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