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Subject: Support for Circle K alternative plan

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We are writing to express our family's support for the alternative plan for the Circle K redevelopment project that was presented to our neighborhood group on February 22, 2017 by Quattro Construction. Even though the new plan requires a variance to build within the buffer, it is vastly superior to the previously submitted plan because it places the front of the building away from the neighboring houses (including mine), thereby moving the activity, light, and noise farther from where people (including me) live. We believe the alternative plan is also better in terms of pedestrian safety because it removes the blind approach for cars and trucks leaving towards Packard that was extensively discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting.

The building is too big for the neighborhood and the canopy is not appropriate for a residential area, but it does not appear that Circle K is willing to negotiate these issues, nor does it appear that the PC has the legal standing to block them. There are other mitigations that would make the alternative plan even more appealing, such as reducing the number of pumps to 3 instead of 4 and ensuring that noise from the pumps' video advertising system is not audible from the neighboring properties. As a basis for the plan, however, my family feels that the alternative plan is a strong move in the right direction.

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