

Subject: Special Exception Use: 503 Miller Avenue

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To Ann Arbor Planning Commission (following is the text of this email's attachment re: the Commission's upcoming determination for "Special Exception Use: 503 Miller Avenue")

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Ann Arbor Planning Commission
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To My Home Town's Planning Commission,

I am one of many Ann Arbor citizens who are greatly concerned about our city's 'historically famous shortage of child care operations/spaces' - whether conveniently found close to the University, our downtown's many flourishing businesses or located in our city's residential and outlying areas.

Ann Arbor's Planning Commission (AAPC) now has the opportunity to nurture Apple Playschools' creation and delivery of 47 new child care "spots", as proposed for 503 Miller Avenue. Ann Arbor's longtime shortage of Child Care operations/spaces warrants my support of AAPC's positive determination for a "Special Exception Use" re: Apple Playschools' carefully proposed renovation/updating plan for this property.

The issuance of the necessary zoning change will allow Apple Playschools' proposal to move forward. Undoubtedly, the most obvious benefit will be to increase the availability of Child Care spaces for Ann Arbor families. BTW: a 'hidden' benefit will be a subsequent wage increase for their qualified Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Providers

In support of Apple Playschools and their proposal to contribute to Ann Arbor's solving of our shortage of Child Care spaces, my support is borne from my perspectives of 1) single parent and 2) Child Care Provider: as a single parent in the 1970's I often struggled to find Child Care; mid-1980's - late 1990's, I was a licensed Group Child Care Home Provider. So, I know what it's like to frantically search for child care to meet my work and school responsibilities AND my sad frustration when I had to tell parents there was no room in my program to meet their child's care needs.

Fast forward: now in my 70's. I am an Ann Arbor home-owner resident, growing old in the home I grew up in, off of Miller, just west of 503. My family moved here from New Jersey in 1957. My mother - having separated from my absent father, had recently become a single mom. She secured a job as a statistician at the University. My mom found child care for me - her then-four-year old preschooler - at Ann Arbor's Perry Nursery School, housed in the Ann Arbor Public School's Perry Elementary School. I know first hand what it's


like to learn all sorts of developmental skills, while feeling safe and secure in what I now know to have been a quality child care setting.

503 Miller's proposal's passing would soon contribute to augment our city's Child Care spaces. Appleschools' proposal's 'side benefits' are many: support our city's sustainability goals, allowing an easy commute by bike (biking lanes!!), using AATA, by car or certainly WALKING - given 503's neighborhood location close to our many downtown businesses AND 503's proximity to our (proposed) 'Treeline Urban Trail'.

Please contribute to Ann Arbor's best planned progress toward our success by determining YES for "Special Exception Use" re: Apple Playschools' carefully proposed 503 Miller Avenue's renovation/updating plan.

With sincere thanks and hopes for your positive action,

Yael Ganet

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Best regards, wishes for safety and health to you and yours.