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Anthony Hood, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hood,

I would like to register my support for P.U.D. Case # 08-15 (Friendship/Macomb SC, Inc. Giant). The community and Giant have been dithering back and forth on this issue for almost a decade. The community was rightly dissatisfied with the big brick box that was originally suggested by Giant's parent company. We are not a suburb, we are a vibrant community. We want lively streets. Giant has responded with a lively streetscape. For the most part Giant has created a varied, multi-use shopping area with attractive landscaping.

Parking would be my only concern. The number of parking spaces allotted, especially for the north parcel, seems a little sparse. I disagree that if you make parking difficult, we will leave the car home and walk. If parking is a hassle we will take our dollars out to Maryland. If you go grocery shopping once a week for a family with growing hungry children you are not going to carry all that stuff home on foot. If you are in a hurry--and most of us always are--you are not going to stroll up to the shopping center. If your mobility is limited, as mine is, you will drive and hope to find a parking place as close as you can. Currently the grocery store on the south parcel has plenty of parking, including handicapped spaces. However the north parcel rarely has enough of either regular or handicapped parking. And by the looks of things they appear to be adding all sorts of reasons to park there but not enough new parking spaces to hold them all.

I would really like to see them lop off the top level of condos but that would reduce their income for the project. I want this to be a most financially worthwhile development for Giant to undertake. Therefore, with the addition of a few more parking spaces added, I encourage you to grant the P.U.D.

Sincerely,



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