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Chairman Anthony Hood
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Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing in support of the Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD case No. 08-15. My wife Frances and I have lived a couple of blocks from the Giant since 1972, for more than 35 years, and raised two children using the Giant as a principal food supplier.

The old Giant needs to be redeveloped. It's become a sad and sorry spectacle, exhibiting many of the problems such as unsightliness and a blank wall on Wisconsin Avenue that critics of the redevelopment project have said should be changed – and they are the ones stopping that from happening. We need a spacious, well-stocked, modern food store at that location to serve the varied neighborhood population. I now mostly walk to the store, but the place is so poorly stocked that you can't do a complete shopping there, so I have to drive elsewhere. I would drive less if the Giant were refurbished: singles and elderly in the neighborhood who don't have cars need a store within walking distance even more than I do. The Giant executives have done much to alter their original, unacceptable proposal. The current version is not perfect, but neither is life. There has been more than enough time for everyone to have a say. It's time to act.

I respectfully request the Zoning Commission to take rapid action to approve PUD case No. 08-15.

Sincerely,



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