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OFFICE OF ZONING
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Re: Application Number 16494

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is written in protest to Exxon Corporation's application to allow expansion of its gasoline service station with a convenience store on the site at 5515 South Dakota Avenue, N.E. (Square 3760, Lots 812 and 814).

We adamantly oppose this application because of the below-listed reasons:

(1) The amount of noise and traffic that will be generated by this expansion. Exxon already maintains service hours far into the night and early morning hours. Because of these long hours and high volume of traffic and noise, residents, mostly senior citizens, cannot enjoy their front porches nor keep their windows open during the summer months.

(2) The constant flow of traffic from both South Dakota Avenue and Kennedy Street makes this a very dangerous intersection. There have been scores of accidents and at least one traffic fatality since we've lived on Kennedy Street.

(3) Outside public telephones attract a lot of auto and foot traffic. Since these public telephones are adjacent to the service station, they are used by a lot of unknown people who use our streets for parking.

(4) Because the Lamond-Riggs Library is located directly across the street from the service station and has a limited number of parking spaces, the overflow of library patrons use Kennedy Street to park. With these library patrons and customers from a convenience store using Kennedy Street to park would create additional parking problems for the residents in and around Kennedy Street. Library parking overflow already causes some senior residents to have to park many blocks away from their homes.

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(5) There are already more than enough grocery/convenience/carry-out stores in a 10-block radius of our neighborhood.

(6) The intersection of South Dakota Avenue and Kennedy street is extremely difficult to traverse, either on foot or in an automobile. The traffic is extremely heavy and more traffic is not needed on this already dangerous thoroughfare.

We respectfully beseech the Zoning Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

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