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Subject: Grandview Commons proposed amendment

Hello Members of the Plan Commission and Mayor Soglin, I'm writing in opposition of the Grandview Commons proposed amendment for remapping 2 sites in the neighborhood. I am not at all opposed to retail for Grandview Commons, and in fact, I would welcome it. I am only opposed to the potential size of store that is included in the amendment. Original plans for this neighborhood were approved based on a concept which does not support a 'big box' store in a residential neighborhood. I would welcome a small grocery store in the neighborhood, and with the new Great Dane restaurant flourishing, I believe a small grocery store and other small shops would flourish as well. I believe the city has also considered a public library branch in the area at some point. Now that would be truly wonderful. I live on North Star Drive, and am already concerned with traffic issues on this street. With a large grocery store up the street, I believe the traffic issues would be truly significant. Children cross North Star Drive to go to the 'purple park' everyday; walking, on bikes, scooters, etc. Traffic already travels too quickly between Milky Way and Dominion Drive, even without a big box store up the hill. Please consider removing the Grandview proposed amendment as is from further consideration. Please keep in mind that many residents would welcome retail, but not in a size that deviates so significantly from the original neighborhood plan. Thank you for your consideration. Please print my comments and share them with all Plan Commission members prior to the meeting. Thank you, Carrie Metcalf 625 North Star Drive Madison WI 53718