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This coming Thursday, as I'm sure you know, is the meeting to discuss the development of Grandview Commons and adding a larger version grocery store than was initially anticipated.

I live in the LVM neighborhood and wanted to let you know that I completely APPROVE of this proposed zoning change. I would prefer to shop somewhere closer than the Copp's in Monona or Hyvee on E. Wash. The Sentry on Cottage Grove Rd is small, old, expensive, and does not have good selections of produce and meat, so I specifically drive out of my way to go to any other grocery store.

I understand people are angry about the proposed size, and though I see their concerns, I feel they are unfounded. I look at the Copp's store in Middleton that went in about 5 years ago as an example. The neighborhood in that case was not ruined, and if any change occurred, it improved the neighborhood. The store served as an anchor tenant that helped other businesses in the area. At the time the store opened, I lived in Middleton and was extremely happy with this development. I believe having a larger grocery store in Grandview Commons would only bring more quality businesses to the area, as well as provide me with a better, closer place to grocery shop.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

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