

From: Anna

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 10:47 AM

To: Soglin, Paul; Murphy, Brad; Waidelich, Michael

Subject: Grocery Store Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of the Grandview Commons neighborhood and I am writing to express my concern about the 62,000 square foot Grocery Store proposal off of Cottage Grove road. The main reason we chose to live in this neighborhood was the quiet, small town feel we found here. I was extremely disappointed to hear that the dreams we had for living in this area may be dashed by the addition of such a huge grocery store and additional retail space.

I strongly feel that a 62,000 square foot grocery store in this particular location is irresponsible, wasteful, and unnecessary. Three minutes up the road there is a Sentry, and six minutes the opposite way is a Piggly Wiggly. Woodmans, Hy-Vee, and Willy Street Coop are also more than close enough to serve the needs of our community as well as the surrounding communities. Especially in this time of economic downturn and hardship, I cannot understand the need to pull business away from these other stores while disrupting the Grandview Commons neighborhood and negatively impacting the home values for many in our community. This is a family friendly neighborhood. Our children are able to safely play in our parks and cross our streets. People are able to enjoy the quiet and peaceful neighborhood in which they have chosen to live. To disrupt that in order to accommodate a completely unnecessary and wasteful retail space would be hugely disappointing for those of us who have made this neighborhood our home, and highly irresponsible of those who would choose to make this decision.

As I am sure you realize, there is already an area very nearby that is zoned to accommodate such a large store. As a new constituent and active voter, I sincerely hope that you choose a more responsible location for this grocery store, or choose a more appropriately sized store.

Thank you for your time and for considering a responsible plan for this community.

Sincerely,

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