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From: Rona Carr [mailto:ronaleecarr@gmail.com]
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To: Martin, Al
Cc: Soglin, Paul
Subject: Urban Design Commission Meeting Today

Dear Mr. Martin -

I request that you share this email with members of the Urban Design Commission prior to today's meeting. Thank you.

Dear Members:

One of the agenda items for today's meeting is to review the proposal for a 58,000 sf grocery store to be located in Grandview Commons.

As a resident of Grandview Commons, I strongly oppose changing the Sprecher Neighborhood Plan and the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan to accommodate construction of a retail business of this size.

I respectfully request that you not be swayed by what may be considered a pleasing architectural design of this store, but consider what is more important: construction of a retail establishment of this size is totally wrong and detrimental for residents of the neighborhood, nearby neighborhoods, and commuters (automobile and bicycle) through the neighborhood and on Cottage Grove Road.

Grandview Commons was designed to accommodate retail establishments of a maximum of 25,000 sf with appropriate parking. Allowing construction of a retail establishment more than twice that size with parking of at least 400 spaces totally changes the neighborhood and threatens the safety of its residents, which includes many families with children.

I support retail development of Grandview Commons consistent with the original plan.

The plan being proposed would destroy our neighborhood.

Please do not vote to allow the change to current plans. Thank you.

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