

I am opposed to the Starbucks on South Park Street as currently proposed for several reasons. Several of my constituents, other neighbors living in and around the proposed facility, as well as other interested parties, including fellow Alders have expressed concerns relative to this proposed project meeting the intent of Madison ordinances as it related to zoning standards. These concerns have been articulated and communicated to you by much more knowledgeable expertise than me. I request that you respectfully respond to and resolve these concerns before any consideration of approval of this project.

More specifically, the proposed access on Beld Street negatively impacts 14th district neighborhood residents as well as 13<sup>th</sup> district residents who frequently travel on Beld Street to access S. Park Street at Cedar Street; Wingra Street and Gilson Street to access John Nolan Drive via Cedar Street. In addition, there are frequently parked cars who are going to the Naddy's restaurant on Beld Street, and other events at the micro-brewery/ bar on Gilson Street, as well as bike path traffic crossing at Wingra and Beld. This proposal as presented at UDC would cause traffic congestion and traffic safety concerns at a major through way out of the neighborhood.

I believe some consideration should be given to access and entry from South Park Street, as many other businesses in the area, Dunkin Donuts, Midas, Magic Car Wash, and others do. I believe that traffic flow and business access is a critical consideration that would have serious impact on the affected neighborhoods.

Finally, many of my constituents have expressed the desire to have destination businesses that allow sit down service to neighborhood residents. They are opposed to drive through only businesses. I am unaware of anyone who supports this project as currently proposed. I am also aware of other concerns expressed related to the Starbucks brand, and the implications of what that may mean in terms of the future of the composition of the neighborhood, the status of employee relations and its impact on the residents. In short, I do not support this project as currently proposed.

Alder Knox, District 14.