

Sylvia Cate
Bureau of Development Services
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Portland, OR 97201

RE: Land Usage of 82nd & Siskiyou (Case #LU 06-154964 CU ZC AD)

Dear Ms. Cate:

I am writing you today because I am deeply concerned about a proposal to develop the property located near the intersection of 82nd Avenue of Roses and NE Siskiyou Street into a massive retail complex. It is my understanding that even though this site is currently only zoned for 60,000 sqft of retail, the applicant intends to build approximately 240,000 sqft. of retail buildings, with the anchor point being an approximately 180,000 sqft. big box store. I am a resident of this area and patronize various businesses located in and around this location. I feel this proposal is a poor fit for the site and conflicts with the interests of the neighborhood. I would like to take this time to voice my strong opposition to this development for the following reasons:

- Such a large retail space would generate too many car trips to the area. This would lead to traffic jams, cut-through traffic through residential side-streets, increased pollution, and would create a safety hazard to students of Madison High school, as well as children at Glenhaven park and the new skate park.
- I am greatly concerned about a big box store's impact on local businesses. Typically these kinds of stores are unable to live in harmony with the existing, surrounding residential and commercial developments. In addition to the increased traffic hurting local businesses in the area, a big box store of this scale would unfairly trample on the established, diverse businesses that make Portland such a wonderful place.

This proposed development does not meet the goals of the residents and businesses in the area and conflicts with the intended character of the neighborhood. As the hearings officer presiding over this case, I recommend that you reject the developer's application based on the factors I raised above. I understand that there is to be a hearing on the land use of this proposed development. Please keep me advised as to the status of this application and when the hearing is scheduled as I would like to exercise my right to voice my objection to this proposal in person. You will find my contact information below. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Signature

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Date

Full Name (Printed)

Address: House number, Street name, Room/Apt number

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City Zipcode

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Phone number (optional)