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**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 7:40 AM  
**To:** Nicole Gaudette  
**Cc:** Salim Nice; Benson Wong; Lisa Anderl; Jake Jacobson; Jessi Bon  
**Subject:** Re: File No. DSR20-001 (SEP20-002) It's time to listen to the professionals.

Ms. Gaudette, Ms. Bon and Members of the City Council:

Over the past three years, I have become painfully aware of the consequences of my previous dereliction of duty as an MI citizen. I had no idea what the power people at City Hall were up to, and I'm sorry I was not a better citizen paying tireless close attention to city government and its commissions. I didn't realize how hard we had to work to have protected ourselves from our previous elected officials and their appointees. Frankly, we should never have to work that hard then or now to protect ourselves from City Hall.

Now, I am paying attention. I am not alone. There are many hundreds of us who are now paying attention, and we are raising our voices before it's too late to stop the City from ruining our Town Center permanently. We want retail. We want parking enough for all of us to use Town Center. Our Island bus system is useless to most of us. We do not want be forced to leave the Island to go to a drugstore, a book store, a restaurant or to use UPS. We fight terrible traffic to get home; we do not want to have to fight more horrid traffic to do our daily shopping because Town Center got ruined and we didn't stand up to stop it.

Bassett, Bertlin, Grauz and Julie Underwood may have had good intentions with color crayons on napkins, but it is time to **listen to the professionals. They are your neighbors and they are offering professional help free of charge! They know other professionals; they are all bringing you educated advice which I urge you to heed.**

Ray Akers, Jim Eanes, Doug Cargill and several other professionals are stepping forward to help Evan Maxim, you and our Commissions get a very clear picture of the unintended consequences which will result from further residential development of town center. We need our city Planning employees to be operating in *our* best interest above all else. We need your help to be sure that is the case.

Please, hit the pause button until you understand the full implications and consequences of choosing housing over retail in the town center. The professionals are telling you that mixed residential and retail is a tested and failed model. Please, heed what they are telling you.

If you choose to ignore the clarion call about mixed residential and retail, and if the professionals are right about it costing us our retail core, you will have done us all a tremendous disservice by ruining our Town Center forever. The era of color crayons and amateur hour needs to end.

We are not Ballard. We don't desire to be Ballard. Please, hit pause now.

Best regards,

Susan Lund

PS We do not want to be the main bus depot for I-90, either!