

McKownville Improvement Association

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To: Paul Stec, Vice President for Finance and Business
From: McKownville Improvement Association (contact person, Don Reeb, Vice President)
Subject: Property on Western Avenue
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The McKownville Improvement Association opposes changing the use of 1206-1210 Western Avenue--the palm reader building and lots near the Best Western Motor Inn and across from the Western Avenue entrance to the University--to a strip mall. The Association hopes that the University will also oppose it.

As the enclosed pieces explain, the traffic entering and exiting the proposed strip mall will make it more dangerous for traffic entering and exiting the University. The pedestrian traffic, mostly University students and employees, also will face increased risks in crossing Western if the strip mall is built.

While the present property use is not admirable, its present use is the result of decisions made by the owner. He has permitted it to become what it is. He can choose to improve its use without adding risks for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

If the University wants to enter into this discussion, I would suggest that you contact the County of Albany planning department, the City of Albany planning department and the Town of Guilderland planning department.

I am available for more discussion about this, at your convenience.