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To: The Town of Guilderland Planning Board

From: McKownville Improvement Assocation (contact Don Reeb--489-3909)

Subject: Starbucks, 1206 Western

Date: Jnauary 26, 2005

The proposal for a Starbucks at 1206 Western should not be approved.

The three sites between the Best Western Motel and Sutters need be planned together, a single curb cut be created -- rather than the four curb cuts at present -- and the single curb cut need be located at the traffic light that controls traffic entering and leaving the University--and the three sites could, with propoer landscaping and parking, be an attractive asset to the University and the neighborhood. The larger strip, from Hillcrest to the city line, is shabby in appearance, though there are some exceptions. The Association has spoken to the Board about this before and we know that you would like to see the strip improved just as much as would the members of the Association. Maybe it is time to work harder on this.

Therefore and at this time, piecemeal exploitation of the area--as exampled by the Starbucks proposal -- is not the way to achieve significant betterment for the community.

Thank you.

Don Reeb, president McKownville Improvement Association

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