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Dear Don and all,

On the Harriman: I do not believe that any of the plans currently on the board will resemble the finished product at all. The fact that they have targeted our neck of the woods will be their problem. The constant turn in leadership bothers me, as does the basic unawareness of the real needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. This became vividly clear with the proposal of a series of islands and no contiguous sidewalk on Fuller Road. Furthermore, they have, after some two years into the process, not found any serious nibbles. I personally would love to see many of the concepts they have proposed actually happen, but, I fear the worst. The worst - football stadium, no real traffic relief for Western Ave., many low income (non-owner) residential units and more box type stores. If anything actually does happen, we will probably not be consulted and I will certainly be much older if I'm alive at all.

On the Nano development, I am very uneasy about the whole deal. Why would they need the endorsement of our Association? If you say that a multi level parking facility is OK for Albany were does that leave us in opposing a similar structure, let's say by Indian Quad or anywhere within eyeshot of our neighborhood. Is it worth it to sell out the good folks on McLaughin Street. We do not know how the majority of them feel about having their north side neighbor being a parking garage, beautiful or otherwise. They plan on taking not just a three acre parcel. I can't prove it, but my instincts say there is a whole lot more on the way. I know what I heard from the beginning of our meeting with Nano and now more than ever I feel they are only trying to keep us quiet.

A parking garage will not be seen by me, but the lack of a diligent effort to mitigate traffic along that corridor will certainly be noticed by everyone. They (Nano) along with UAlbany need to seriously address the nightmarish condition they have developed on Fuller Rd. Thinking out loud, Marty.

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>I was asked by the Nano College--after our bargaining session over the 3

>acre parking lot--to write a letter of support for a parking garage on
>their campus--in turn for which the college would try to protect the 96
>acres from development.
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>Here is the draft of the letter. I would like to get it sent by Wednesday
>morning.
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>Thanks.
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>
>Don Reeb

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