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Sat, Mar 26, 2022 at 5:12 PM

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Formstack Submission For: Land Use Commission Public Comment

Submitted at 03/26/22 6:12 PM

Name: Amy Goldberg

Address of Residence: 3420 Park Place

Phone: (773) 895-6278

How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: I am opposed to the change in zoning for the west side of gross point road. There are several children, including my own, that walk in this area. I do not want to increase traffic, and I do not want there to be future plans for drive thrus which may result in pedestrian harm.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda): the Zoning Ordinance to remove the Central Street Overlay District Regulations from Certain Properties at Crawford Ave. & Gross

Position on Agenda Item: Opposed

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Formstack Submission For: Land Use Commission Public Comment

Submitted at 03/26/22 11:20 AM

Name: Leslie Brown-Wilson

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Phone: (847) 275-8832

How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here:

I want to express my opposition to 22PLND-0017. I don't want anymore drive-thru establishments in our neighborhood, (Starbucks is enough and already congested!) and I walk all the time on the west side of gross point road, as do many of us on Central and along Crawford who head toward Lovelace park. Please keep it safe. If you change it, the walkability will be worse. I do believe Sarkis should be able to have a permanent tent, but don't change everything that currently works to make that happen, please. It opens up so many more issues if you remove the existing zoning. Thank you!

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

22PLND-0017

Position on Opposed

**Agenda
Item:**

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Formstack Submission For: Land Use Commission Public Comment

Submitted at 03/28/22 12:56 PM

Name: John Cooper

Address of Residence: 3614 Hillside Rd

Phone: (847) 866-9100

How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

OPPOSE
Map Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to remove the Central Street Overlay District Regulations from
Certain Properties at Crawford Ave. & Gross Point Rd. | 22PLND-0017

Provide Written Comment Here: First, what is the reason FOR such a change. There must have been a reason to begin with
I am not sure about safety concerns, that is complex, but it is not a very safe corner in my opinion.
Mostly, the Sarkis tent is an eyesore as is their lot. The tent is unacceptable. OK for covid, but looks like a garbage dump. If they want to make more money, let them build out like other businesses need to ...

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda): OPPOSE Map Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to remove the Central Street Overlay District Regulations from Certain Properties at Crawford Ave. & Gross Point Rd. | 22PLND-0017

**Position on
Agenda Item:**

Opposed

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Submitted at 03/26/22 3:22 PM

Name: Jordan Goldberg**Address of Residence:** 3420 Park Place**Phone:** (773) 505-9911**How would you like to make your public comment?:** Written (see below)**Provide Written Comment Here:** Given the population of school children and pedestrian traffic, I am against changes to zoning in this already high traffic area. I understand the city wants to promote business growth to generate more tax revenues but the extra taxes gained are likely negligible to the city's income. I hope the alternative of "doing nothing" is considered and recognized that it is ok to not change certain zoning that was implemented for a reason. Thanks for any consideration.**Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):** Overlay District**Position on Agenda Item:** Opposed

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Submitted at 03/25/22 9:26 PM

Name:	Catherine Huggins
Address of Residence:	3434 PARK PL
Phone:	(314) 856-2552
How would you like to make your public comment?:	Written (see below)
Provide Written Comment Here:	This zoning change would make is easier for drive through businesses to open in this area. If Sarkis wants more space, they should build a proper expansion.
Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):	Removal of Central St zoning overlay for Sarkis et al.
Position on Agenda Item:	Opposed

March 27, 2022

Megan Lutz
2637 Crawford Ave.,
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Plan Commission,

Please accept this written request for a continuance of the following agenda items for the March 30, 2022 meeting:

HEARING FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 22PLND-0017

I feel that this continuance should be granted because of several issues related to our ability to make a formal protest.

When property owners within 500 feet received the notice postcard, the online form to sign up to speak or register opposition was not working. After trying to get it to work for a couple of days and on different devices, I had to open a 311 request. The form was not fixed until the end of day on 3/17/22. A couple of other neighbors have relayed that they tried the form and then gave up and didn't go back to fill it out. Also, the link is very hard to read on the postcard because it is a light grey color and the print is very small, so people had trouble getting to the right page.

I have not had fair time and opportunity to circulate a protest petition in opposition of the amendment as is outlined in City Code section 6-3-4-7.

I requested the list of property owners within 500 feet. That list was not received until the end of day on 3/24.

I had questions about requirements for wording of the petition and whether it could be done online. It took several days to get in touch with the City Clerk's office via phone and email (they were closed at least one day this past week). They provided details on how to do an online petition and they set up an online form for this purpose, but I did not get the link to share with property owners until end of business day on Friday 3/25.

Also, the notice went out right before Spring Break for Evanston schools and a lot of people have been out of town, making it more difficult to reach people for signatures.

Thank you for your consideration of a continuance to ensure a fair process.

Megan Lutz



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Formstack Submission For: Land Use Commission Public Comment

Submitted at 03/25/22 10:42 PM

Name: Kristina Pierce**Address of Residence:** 3439 Park Place**Phone:** (847) 702-0808**How would you like to make your public comment?:** Written (see below)**Provide Written Comment Here:** Good evening,

I am a mother in this neighborhood of both a 5 and 8 year old. I was raised in this neighborhood myself, so I have been apart of the community for roughly 35 years.

Changing the zoning at Crawford and Gross Point Road creates a more hazardous situation for our neighborhood kids. Removing the current Central Street Overly Zone will increase the dangers. Families use the intersection to cross over to Lovelace Park, middle school students use the intersection to cross and catch the bus to Haven, and Gross Point is already identified as a crossing hazard by District 65 which requires our children to be bused.

Families from all directions use Central Street to cross to get to Lovelace Park. While there is a crosswalk at Thayer and Gross Point, families traveling to the park from further south often will cross at the light for safety reasons, as cars do not slow down at the cross walk on gross point, even with signs and flags. This is an important crossing point for the park.

In addition, many of our neighborhood middle school students take the Central Street bus to Haven Middle School. This requires our neighborhood kids to cross at the Gross Point and Crawford intersection (and then again at Crawford and Central) to catch this bus. Changing the zoning will have potential to impact these kids safe path to the bus.

Finally, District 65 agrees that Gross Point is too dangerous a street for children to be crossing to get to Willard School. Because of this, kids are bussed to school. This shows the dangers of Gross Point and this intersection. Ignoring these already identified dangers and removing zoning that would allow the possibility to create more hazards, lose visibility at this intersection, would create an unneeded amount of hazards at this intersection.

A matter of fact, I think the city needs to do MORE to increase the safety of both pedestrians and drivers at this intersection. This intersection is, in my opinion in living here for almost 35 years, one of the most dangerous intersections in Evanston due to the high speeds at which people cross through the intersection, but also the amount of lights and crossings involved with the numerous busy streets (Crawford, Gross Point, and Central). Removing the Central Street Overlay Zone will be disastrous for this intersection and our community.

Again, as a parent of a 5 and 8 year old, and a parent who grew up in this area, it is extremely important my children stay safe so that they can travel throughout their neighborhood without the increased dangers that the rezoning could pose.

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