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Re: 122 Anderson street change of use

Dear Jennifer,

We would like to share our concerns about the proposed change/usage that includes trucks and freight moving in and out of the 122 Anderson Street property next door to our busy Community Center.

Our Community Center serves a large number of people and it is operational 7 days a week. Many of our members come for the daily prayers (5 times a day) and many more come for consultations or routine worship. In addition, many students from k- 12grade attend after school programs on both weekdays and weekends during which foot and vehicle traffic at the Community Center is heavy.

Our biggest concern is safety as the main entrance of the Community Center is adjacent to the entrance intended for truck/freight usage and we are very concerned about the potential risk of an accident occurring at these busy entrances.

Despite the large number of young children attending the Community Center very regularly and the fact that there is no crossing guard or even a stop sign at the entrance, we are also worried about the disruptive noise and the excessive dust that will be generated by the trucks parking in unpaved spaces as it has happened in the past when Oakhurst Dairy trucks parked in the area for the same purposes.

We respect and value the owners of the 122 Anderson Street property and we hope they accomplish their goals. We simply think this situation is risky and we would like to mitigate potential incidents.

We kindly request that the Planning Board reviews the safety concerns we've put forth and we would be happy to provide further explanations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,

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