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Proposed Dog Daycare abutter

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Dog Daycare & Kennel facility special permit at 275 Washington St. I am an abutter to this property, and unfortunately have many concerns. First, noise. This number of dogs in this type of building is bound to be loud, with hours of operation being 6:30 am - 6:30 pm. I would like to see plans for sound abatement, fencing, as well as limiting hours of operation to 7 am - 5 pm.

I am worried about the additional traffic that could be brought to the area. We are on a busy main road, with many neighborhoods, pets, children, bus stops and schools. The hours of operation are in conjunction with school bus stops and parent drop off/pick up times, as well as commuting hours. This exit is a right turn only, which would direct traffic wanting to turn left and entering through the neighborhood across the way (Taft Dr.). I believe a traffic study would be beneficial.

I also have concerns about the dogs potentially being walked around the wetlands. While I do understand that there is existing wildlife and that their fecal matter may end up in our wetlands, pets are not fed a natural diet. I would like a formal consultation from the Conservation Director.

There are many other concerns, How will they be disposing of animal waste? Will there be a heavy waste smell during hot summer days when the dumpster doesn't get emptied until the end of the week? Will the handler, walking 3-4 dogs at a time, be able to handle a loose dog while keeping track of the others? Is that a safe situation for a dog or handler on busy Washington street? These buildings were approved for Industrial use, office, warehouse and light manufacturing, I'm wondering where dog daycare / kennel falls in those categories? If a dog daycare/ kennel is allowed, at the requested hours of operation, what else will be allowed? As an animal lover, raised with many dogs, I would not bring my pet to this facility with the lack of outdoor space, safe walking space and truck traffic within the other buildings. I believe there are many better suited areas for a dog daycare / kennel.

Thank you for your time,

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