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To: Anna Slatinsky
Subject: FW: Bottle Drop City Council Meeting Last Tuesday

Mayor Doyle & City Council Members,

Last week's meeting regarding the siting of the Bottle Drop revealed two things:

- 1) City planners can make mistakes. Had your staff planner known the impact of the current Bottle Drop location to the neighborhood at large I doubt she/he would have let them proceed without proper neighborhood input and the appropriate impact studies. It's obvious from the testimony that consolidating that many neighborhood households down to one single drop site has caused resident safety issues, an increase in traffic, increased noise levels, terrible smells, rodents, et al.
- 2) The Grocery lobbyist admitted that this process hadn't gone well. The impact to the people who live behind the Bottle Drop and across the way in Royal Woodlands is far beyond what they (OBRC) expected. In his own words, "we have work to do". OBRC cannot afford to be tone deaf to our appeal. This entire thing is a mistake that needs to be corrected by you - our political leadership.

The Bottle Drop is not "similar use" when it's the only location available. If it were a restaurant, professional office, or other retailer we who live here have choices of whether or not to patronize the business. Our neighborhood has many "retail" options but only one bottle/can recycle location. The fact that there's no accurate definition for what this type of recycle facility really is (using plain language) speaks volumes as to why this entire mess is a mistake.

Please do the right thing - fix this siting error. The negative impact to our neighborhood is real. The remedy should focus on relocating OBRC's Bottle Drop to the most appropriate industrial location. As our civic leaders, this is your duty. Proper siting results in a return to living/working in a safe place for our neighbors, school children, and businesses.

I vote, so please implement the proper code. It's the right thing to do.

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