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Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee

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RE: Ordinance # 260376 - Proposed Amendment to Westport Overlay District

Dear Committee Members:

The Old Hyde Park Historic District (OHPHD) neighborhood is in the heart of midtown and is adjacent to Westport, Valentine and Hyde Park neighborhoods.

The OHPHD opposes the amendment to the Westport Overlay District proposed by Ordinance # 260376 that would allow drive-through facilities with a special use permit. This proposal is counterproductive to the intent and purpose of the overlay district, clearly addressed in points # 3,4, and 7 (underlined for emphasis).

- Promote a mix of pedestrian-oriented uses that are compatible with the Westport Plan's vision and goals.
- Strengthen the active, street-front development pattern to improve the public realm and enhance access to the district.
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The road diet on Broadway Boulevard and the new policy that eliminates parking requirements are incongruent with inviting motor traffic to the area by encouraging drive-through businesses.

The traffic on Broadway is now congested every day during the rush hours and near the drive through businesses it is even worse. Adding drive-through's will *decrease* pedestrian and biking safety and add further congestion and frustration of drivers waiting for multiple lights to get past the McDonald's for instance.

Please oppose Ordinance #260376.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Old Hyde Park Historic District Board:

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