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Hi Lauren,

We haven't spoken for a while but it looks like I am on the agenda Thursday night @ 5 Pm. When we last spoke I think the only thing lacking was my statement to the council. I have attached it. Will I need to bring copies ?

If you need to talk to me, it is best to give me a call. I am in Baltimore for the next two days for a follow up to Gordon's kidney transplant surgery.

Shirley



Check out my commercial

! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCRUHzecOmc&feature=youtu.be>

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P.S. I am never too busy for your referrals!

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Written submission on behalf

Of Shirley and Gordon Price.

In 1981 when we purchased our home on the Route 26 corridor it was much different than we find it today. Of course all of coastal Sussex County was different forty-one years ago. At the time of our purchase it seemed perfect, it was something we could afford and provided us a place to raise our family, work and be involved in our community. We did not give any thought to what the future might look like.

When we first bought our house the only commercial area was a small Mom and Pop liquor store next door, Holts Dispensary and everything else was fields and some houses.

Of course as the years went by things changed bit by bit. The first major, oh my gosh moment came in the form of an 84 Lumber application coming across the street. We negotiated with them and the county to make them the best neighbors we could and to minimize their impact on 26. Many others followed we now have Good Earth Market who added Dickens Theater to their footprint, my neighbor to my west a heating and air company, to my immediate east is the most recent addition, the new and more modern Holts Liquor Store with the very well-lit parking lot. Across the street and next to 84 Lumber is Parsell's Funeral Home perhaps one of the quietest of neighbors, and then several other small businesses occupy the Travalini property and the commercial goes on.

I went home one day to see a double decker billboard almost on our property line. A billboard on 26 was very out of place at that time and I could not believe that we were not given any notice that it was coming. So I picked up the phone and spoke with Lawrence Lank, it appears the state was controlling signs and it was decided that the county needed

to take some control. So a committee was put together and I was appointed to help with the process. So no more surprises for other home owners and the county has more control over signage.

As the years went by Gordon and I knew we could not stop the inevitable and in the world of land use planning Route 26 is the logical location for commercial. Our property is no longer a residential area, and it can never be that again. Its highest and best use is commercial.

I am here tonight to ask that you give our property the necessary zoning it needs to fit in, to achieve its highest and best use. We have no plans to add anything more than we have now. I know if that changes someday it would need to come back before the county and it should.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

Shirley and Gordon Price