

To: Albany County Planning Board  
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Surely, by this time everyone should know that special interests—usually businesses-- tend to have unusual ability to get what they ask for.

Smoking causes cancer but limiting smoking has been a continuing legislative battle.

The coal industry is quite willing to claim that global warming does not exist, and government finds it difficult to pass legislation limiting carbon dioxide emissions.

When the recession hit, the banks were bailed out and engaged in a vigorous campaign to convince the nation that it was the borrowers and not the lenders that caused the housing crisis. In addition, the government did not prosecute the bankers.

The auto manufacturers continue to fight increased fuel and safety regulations. Truckers are engaged in a major effort at present to foil increased fuel requirements, for example.

The County Planning Board is being asked today by the City---evidently at the request of a developer—to permit it to build 173 apartments where no one wants them except the developer.

Please do not permit this to happen.

You have already heard the reasons to refuse the rezoning request--- increases in traffic, increases in storm water, incompatibility with nearby one and two and three level homes.

The only reason to grant the request is that a developer asked for it. That should not be a sufficient reason.