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The Honorable Timothy J. Davlin
Mayor, City of Springfield
800 E. Monroe, Rm. 300
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mayor Davlin:

I am writing on behalf of the Southwest Springfield Neighbors Association, which as you may know, is spearheading the neighborhood opposition to the proposed Wal-mart adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision.

The Association has been informed that you are intending in the very near future to replace Alderman Strom on the Regional Plan Commission. While we are aware of your mayoral prerogatives, including the right of appointment, the Association is very concerned about the timing of this decision. Frankly, we are mystified why you find it necessary, after 15 months in office without replacing Alderman Strom, to replace him so suddenly at this point.

Given Alderman Strom's depth of knowledge regarding the proposed Wal-Mart development and his obvious interest in the development, we think that the Regional Plan Commission can benefit greatly from his continued involvement in the process. Accordingly, we hereby request that you defer replacing Alderman Strom until after the final disposition of the Wal-mart proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


John M. Myers

cc: Alderman Strom
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