



Valentine Neighborhood Association
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Dear Committee Members:

The Valentine Neighborhood Association opposes the proposed Amendment to the Westport Overlay, CD-CPC-2026-00025.

We have several reasons to oppose the change that would allow drive-through facilities within the overlay district.

1. **The overlay should not be amended unless there is a compelling reason.** The overlay extends to the edge of Valentine's southern boundary. The neighborhood actively participated in the creation of the overlay, and Valentine Development Chair Chris Jordan served as our representative on the steering committee. This was a lengthy and well-thought-out process, and therefore, we believe the overlay should not be amended without a compelling reason. The creation of a drive-through window for a dispensary does not seem to us to meet this test.
2. **We were not notified of the public meeting.** The applicant provided a list of attendees at the public meeting on this proposal. We do not understand why Valentine was not invited to this public meeting since we are directly affected by it. It also appears, based on the list of those who attended, that the proposed changes to the overlay were not well understood by the surrounding residents.
3. **If this amendment were approved, it could create a precedent that could have an effect on the Valentine neighborhood.** As the overlay extends up Pennsylvania Avenue to 40th Street, it is immediately contiguous to the Valentine neighborhood. We have worked with the city to create a balance of a thriving residential area abutting a busy business and entertainment district. If drive-through facilities were to be allowed under the amended overlay, the historic character and pedestrian-friendly character of the neighborhood could suffer.

We urge you to vote no on CD-CPC-2026-00025.

Sincerely,

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