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Dear Mr. Braunstein,

We are vehemently opposed to an EZ Storage facility in Sandy Spring and quite disappointed that the Planning Board would consider approving such a plan.

The facility is completely out of character for the area, brings nothing positive or productive to the community and does not encourage local businesses which are sorely needed for the well-being of the community. This facility does not even provide a service that the locals need or want. The false facade is almost insulting, what other small business would want to be associated with an huge building that doesn't produce any foot traffic? And if fact, brings much unwanted traffic, from outside the community, mainly composed of moving vans.

This is prime real estate for Sandy Springers and other local citizens. We've long awaited development of this area that is consistent with a "small town" agenda -- shops, restaurants and other services that meet the needs of the immediate neighborhoods -- a village that is friendly and welcoming to the public. This facility would only discourage this sort of development and possibly/probably prevent it from ever happening.

Lastly, many fear that it would be a magnet for increased crime, right in the heart of a residential area. And any measures taken to prevent crime, such as lighting, would be an eyesore and inconsistent with this gem of a neighborhood.

Please consider our comments as this facility would cause irreparable damage to a lovely, rural town setting with great potential.

Thank you for your time.

Cyndie and Chris Widmer