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Mr. Marek Kozikowski

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Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission

245 Dekoven Drive

Middletown, CT 06457

Marek.kozikowski@middletownct.gov

Subject: Zoning Application of Root Center for Advanced Recovery for 392 Washington Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Kozikowski,

My name is Kerry Hanks and my address is 43 Westfield Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

It is my understanding that Methadone Treatment is one of the most effective types of treatments for people struggling with opioid addiction and I believe that everyone who needs it should have reasonable access to it. Currently, the two closest methadone treatment clinics to Middletown are Root Center's Hartford clinics and Connecticut Counseling Center's Midland Road, Waterbury clinic. These clinics are 17-19 miles from downtown Middletown and travel time is about 23 minutes for each. As I read the written and verbal testimony and newspaper articles regarding Root Center's application, I am surprised that no one mentioned Connecticut Counseling Centers, Inc. new methadone treatment clinic at 285 Kensington Avenue in Meriden. It is my understanding that the construction is almost completed and the clinic will be open for business in about 3 months (January, 2021). Additional information can be found on their website home page at www.ctcounseling.org. This new clinic is closer than the Hartford and Waterbury clinics, just 8.8 miles or depending on time of day, 10-13 minutes from Root's proposed new clinic address. I live in Middletown and it takes me 8 minutes to travel to the Kensington clinic address from my home.

Since reasonable access to methadone treatment has been a major consideration during the debate over Root's application, I felt compelled to inform the commission and the public that there is a methadone clinic opening shortly next door. The people of Middletown should have all the facts when making a decision. Thank you for including this in the record.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Hanks

Kozikowski, Marek

From: Richard Silverman <rsilverman04@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Kozikowski, Marek
Subject: Methadone Treatment Ctr

This email was sent by someone outside of the City of Middletown.

I vote NO to location anywhere in Middletown.

Regards,

Richard Silverman

Kozikowski, Marek

From: Richard Silverman <rsilverman04@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Kozikowski, Marek
Subject: Methadone treatment Ctr

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I vote no to location in Middletown!

Regards,

Richard Silverman

Kozikowski, Marek

From: kristina nemecek <kristinanemecek27@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 7:59 AM
To: Kozikowski, Marek; Mayor's Internet Email
Subject: Methodone clinic

This email was sent by someone outside of the City of Middletown.

Good morning.

I am writing in regards to the proposed location on Washington st. While I absolutley think Middletown needs a methodone treatment clinic I am 100% opposed to the location.

My friend someone I had known my whole life died from a heroine overdose after a relapse due to not being able to get a ride to Hartford to the clinic. So I absolutley understand why it is needed in this area. My concern is the location. As someone who lives right on cross street I am in that area often. What I can tell you is that part of Washington street is already very dangerous. When people get a green light they fly down the road in that area and it already makes turning out of the business there almost impossible. There will be people flying in and out of there and it makes me question how many accidents will result in this clinic being put there. I would also be concerned that there is a salon right next door to this location. A woman that has been there for years and years paid taxes to the city and the state and now will have a clinic directly next to her business? I don't think that is right it is hard enough right now for salon owners to come back from what the pandemic did let alone now have a methadone clinic right next door to a salon with people and their predispositions about addicts and not feeling safe getting into their cars. I'm sure she will see a decline in her life's work. The salon industry is very tough it's all about the environment. Hence why the salon directly next to Gezzis on newfield st has had a hard time staying filled because of the house across the street. I hope the businesses who have helped the economy of this town are having their voices being heard about the clinic being put directly next door.

Please if anyone understands the need for such a clinic in Middletown it is me. I lost a friend from Portland simply because there was zero way for him to get treatment because the closest place was Hartford. I'm asking that the city strongly reconsider the location. It is already hard trying to turn onto butternut street from the left hand side without getting hit and someone swerving around you. It is already too congested and there is no safe way to get out of the business on the right hand side it's actually very scary turning out of there hence why I haven't gone to Nardellis in eight years.

I urge you to really spend time driving in this location daily. Pull into the businesses that are there currently and try to get in and out of there while avoiding being hit as cars come flying by.

Try to turn left onto butternut from Washington and do this during high points of the day school let out etc etc.

Thank you for your time.

Kristina Nemecek

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone