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Many of the proposed map changes decimate our already fragile General Commercial areas and foreclose any possibility that New Orleans might regain the retailers that have or will leave. You literally leave no room on the map for any retailer that most people would rely on to buy many of the essential items to maintain a household. My understanding is that all of these proposals limit the amount of square footage of a store or business and this would simply keep our city from ever growing again.

One of the planners at the meeting let slip something about big stores and how they were too 'automobile dependent' and how the CPC was trying to eliminate that, (or something to that effect) That's a CRAZY position when 80% of the households have cars. All this position is doing is encouraging us to drive to Jefferson Parish for our shopping where they have no problem selling us things, taking our money and banking the sales taxes.

And Apparently you've done this all over the city, wherever there is a large retailer that is serving our community. It's like you're purposefully trying to create food deserts in New Orleans. the Walmart on Tchoup, The Rouses on Tchoup, The Winn Dixie on Tchoup, the Lowes, the former location of the Canal Villere on Canal. Is there any thought in the office as to the impact of these proposals or is it call just fashionable "new urbanist" theory where apparently no one works except in coffeeshops, and no one has groceries to buy (in a city that loves to cook) or ever has building materials to purchase (in a place regularly hit by storms, termites and other things), and things happen through some sort of hipster magic.

This is the attitude, the one that forecloses future growth, growth that we desperately need if we are going to survive another 300 years, is what prompted me to call this Master Plan project a living will for our city.

I oppose ALL CPC initiated changes from General Commercial to Medium Density Mixed Use.

You cannot keep killing economic development in our city and think it will have any good consequences.

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