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Fwd: Dollar General in Georgetown

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I am not able to attend the Feb 25th meeting regarding Dollar General as I will be out of state. I wish to state my firm opposition to having Dollar General in our little historical town.

Many people here did not even realize that what they saw on the plans would not be what they saw on Main St. How anyone could approve a huge concrete structure that doesn't even resemble any of the historical buildings up here is beyond my understanding. It is a shame that businesses and homes alike will have to look at the side trash/loading area. And I would imagine if you did a perc test recently it would not pass as that bottom area is inundated with water and run off.

But more than the ugly concrete monstrosity is the ugliness of Dollar General itself. It is owned by a hedge fund and has numerous violations of unfair labor practices. In 2007 Dollar General was fined 162 million dollars for making false statements about the companies financial results. In Nov. of 2014 they were fined 51,700 by OSHA for health and safety violations in the Brooklyn branch store. In April of 2015 they lost a class action lawsuit to the tune of 4 million dollars because they failed to properly disclose a candidates consumer report might be obtained in the hiring process. In 2012 Dollar General lost 3 million in another class action lawsuit that had to do with gender discrimination pay. And there is still a class action lawsuit pending regard unfair labor practices that has to do with managerial duties as well as pay. Dollar General is rated as the 4th WORST company to work for in the US. And you want to put this predatory company in Georgetown? I ask you to rethink your position and do not approve this ugly, in so many ways, store.

Dollar General has its own construction crew, its own PR crew, and its own upper management group. Where and how are they benefitting our community? Please comply with your own mission statement to "promote economic vitality for the current and future generations" and deny the request to build in Georgetown.

Thank you,
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