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Dear Planning Board,

I am in favor of Walnut Hill Shopping Center being annexed into the City of Gaithersburg.

The shopping center is at the gateway to the City from the south via a major highway, #355. It can be a statement for the City.

I moved to Gaithersburg 54 years ago when the shopping center was thriving. There was no Lakeforest Mall and the center had all the necessities. There was a grocery store, bank, drug store, barber shop and hair dresser and even a lovely women's clothing store, men's clothing store and a quality furniture store.

Times have changed and shopping is different but there are businesses that could show that Gaithersburg is thriving on the East Side. I hope that by annexing this property businesses will be excited to be the face of Gaithersburg at Walnut Hill Shopping Center.

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