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Dear Mr. DiCarli,

I am submitting this for tonight's planning and zoning meeting to comment on a special permit application.

Thank you.

Peter B. Pach

I am writing in opposition to granting a special permit for Application PZC-21-019: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Special Permit to convert a portion of Sports on 66 into storage units in C Zone, Sec 5.2.C. Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9.

The commercial zone in which the building is located is already overburdened with two self-storage unit locations; an open lot where vehicles, trailers and boats are stored and visible behind a low fence; an industrial looking state highway complex; and a barren lot where used cars are sold. Another self-storage enterprise (especially one that in a building that looms over the road) would in the words of the town's planning and zoning special permit regulations require consideration of "the ability of such uses to dominate development in a given area, and the potential for significantly altering the character of the areas"

Rather than a vibrant commercial area with retail, business, professional offices etc. the town is creating an industrial looking warehouse zone along one of the town's gateway roadways. A series of square metal buildings full of people's excess belongings does little to enhance East Hampton's image as an inviting rural and semi-rural community.

The applicant said he has a long-term plan to consolidate several of his locations in this building, but this is a vague, unenforceable representation. There is little likelihood that anyone in the self-storage business will be reducing capacity during what is a boom time for them. Numerous recent news stories report that the self-storage business has thrived under COVID as people forced to stay home longer are rearranging and renovating their living quarters and filling up self-storage units with items they are not using. These reports indicate that self-storage units have been able to raise their rates under increased demand.

The Planning and Zoning Commission should reject this application with the intent of encouraging a commercial use that would enhance the area.

Yours,

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