

**CB46 Fueling Station Legislation**

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I agree with the recommendations from the Fueling Task Force. I hope you vote FOR this legislation as submitted. The changes the Planning Board recommends to increase setbacks from schools, and other facilities, and the drastic reduction of space between stations and logistical requirements within, are too large a decrease. The reason given by the Planning Board is that they are prioritizing facilitating competition, but placing these restrictions on new stations will not restrict competition as they are not so onerous to make those seeking to add facilities unable to do so. It is just good planning to carve out protections for the community for the longer term and is your role as the peoples representatives. I have seen all too clearly, in various areas in the County, what happens when one of these stations goes out of business (Route 40 corridor and in Oakland Mills). It creates the appearance of unsightly blight for a long time because of the difficulty, and expense of redeveloping these types of parcels.

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