

**From:** Marc Samwick <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Freightway Project**  
**Date:** December 18, 2019 at 1:49:04 PM EST  
**To:** Dena Feintuch <[difeintuch@gmail.com](mailto:difeintuch@gmail.com)>

Donna,

Thank you for for your email.

The Village Board is taking the concerns you raised very seriously.

We appreciate your input and hope to hear from you as further information becomes available.

Best,

Marc

On Dec 18, 2019, at 12:39 PM, Dena Feintuch <[difeintuch@gmail.com](mailto:difeintuch@gmail.com)> wrote:

**CAUTION:** External sender.

Hello,

I attended the Dec. 11th meeting about Freightway and wanted to reach out to Mayor Samwick, the trustees and anyone else involved in the project with some very grave concerns.

We are a young family who moved here in 2014 but my husband Jason grew up in Scarsdale (Quaker Ridge) and graduated SHS in 2001. His graduating class was roughly 350, and according to the SHS website the class of 2019 had 370 students. Something to think about in terms of how the village has stayed fairly consistent in that number.

I am deeply worried about the negative impact on our children and our schools that will 100% occur if you go forward with the proposed amount of non-age restricted residential units. It will be nothing short of devastating to the space and resources in our schools and will greatly strain our administrators, teachers, and students. These housing units would benefit no one in our community.

Would you permit 225-285 modern, new, not very pricey, amenity-packed houses to be built -- right now, at the same time -- in Scarsdale? This is virtually the same as the two developers' proposals.

Do you understand that this project as it is has little reward and total risk to our residents? Can you please consider scaling back on these two proposals and truly listen to resident feedback about what we want and need in our community?

My daughter Lila attends Fox Meadow and my son Joey is entering kindergarten next year. The school is at or near capacity with virtually no place to expand, nor the ability given the ongoing work with the bond -- this is a 91 year-old building that just got AC in the library this summer. Next year, fresh air filtration is planned. My daughter has 20 children in her class. I believe the cap is 23-24. 20 is already high for the school. There has to be some allowance for minor fluctuations in class and grade sizes but this project will have hundreds of new families taking advantage of our residents and schools, to our children's detriment. I will tell you something qualitative that a paid consultant can't or won't: news of how to "game" the Scarsdale school district by renting or buying one of the new apartments/townhomes will be blasted on every mom Facebook group, message board, anywhere you can think of online and cannot be undone once the word is out there.

I am strongly urging you to focus instead on the major issues in our village center surrounding the terrible traffic and parking and retail vacancies instead of allowing hundreds (if not thousands) of new residents to reside on the Freightway site.

We do not need more people in Scarsdale. We do not need hundreds of new homes.

How about piloting a rideshare program to take residents to/from the train station? Adding a left turn light going east on Popham Road over the bridge? The traffic and parking will only be further strained by this new development. How about finding a solution to the empty storefronts? This project should be undertaken very slowly and should be non-residential in any form it takes. The Dec. 11th meeting had dozens of angry, upset, yet thoughtful and knowledgeable residents who brought up a wide variety of serious concerns -- please, please listen.

Sincerely,

Dena Feintuch  
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