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Dear Fellow Council Members, At last Sunday's Dunwoody Homeowners' Association meeting Executives from Rooms To Go petitioned for DHA approval of their in- process request for zoning modifications to the Expo Design Center property. They have a contract to purchase it and plan to break it into three commercial spaces. 40% would be for their use. They are in discusson with two major national retailers to occupy the balance. DHA took exception to the Rooms-To-Go internally lit signage. Over the past many years DHA has lobbied and/or negotiated for the eventual elimination of all commercial lighting and signage that utilizes internally lit letters, script or designs. They have pushed for all signage in Dunwoody that is outside the Dunwoody Village Overlay District to adopt the same specifications as within the District. Specifically the Georgetown-Shallowford, Winters Chapel and Williamsburg- Mt Vernon commercial areas and the PCID. DHA has been successful in influencing Target and the other businesses in the latest Sembler project to conform. Lighting, color, dimensions, large setbacks, shutters, awnings, types of use and landscaping are all matters that DHA addresses and influences. Please discuss as new business whether or not any or all such matters are appropriate to come before the Community Council so that a wider audience of citizens can review and comment. The DHA Executive committee and/or an adhoc subcommittee privately meets with developers and/or their attorneys and then summarizes the DHA's position for the other members to vote upon at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. City of Dunwoody Staff currently does not put any such matters on our agenda. DHA weighs in on the acceptability of or appropriateness of proposed bars, liquor stores, adult entertainment and music venues,etc. Possibly representatives of the larger subdivisions within Dunwoody, e.g. Dunwoody North, Dunwoody Club Forest, Redfield, Kingsley, Brooke Farm/Brook Ridge/Dunwoody Close, Wynters Creek/Wynterhall,etc. could be encouraged to participate and represent their citizens. Large Appartment complexes and the Chamber of Commerce could also be contacted and encouraged to comment. I am sorry that I will miss the next two of our Community Council meetings. Sincerely, Dennis Crean