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Hi

One issue in the supermarket duopoly is the ability for one party to buy land suitable for a supermarket then put a covenant on it to prevent it being used for a supermarket.

Obviously this is contrary to public policy as it impedes competition.

I suggest the commission recommend a law change, so that land covenants against a commercial use of a property, with the effect of lessening market competition; or, to prevent a property use available as of right under the district plan, be void?

Regards

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