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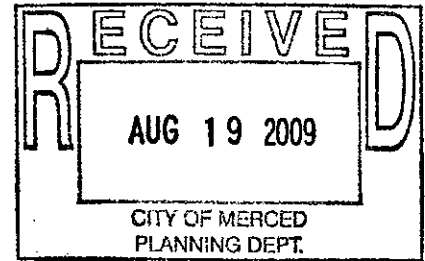
DATE: August 19, 2009
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager *KE*
SUBJECT: Additional Correspondence regarding the Wal-Mart Project (Agenda Item 4.1)

Attached are additional letters or emails regarding the Wal-Mart project that have been received by City staff after the Planning Commission packet went out on Friday. The Commission had previously received a CD-ROM of all the letters received on the project since 2006. Thanks!

Attachments

Espinosa, Kim

From: Lee, Nancy on behalf of planningweb
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 10:37 AM
To: Espinosa, Kim
Subject: FW: walmart distribution



For your records.

Nancy Lee

From: WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com [mailto:WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 7:35 PM
To: planningweb
Subject: walmart distribution

I would like to say great planning guys with Sandcastle subdivision. Now I guess we'll get a DISTRIBUTION CENTER in our front yards just wanted to say GREAT PLANNING GUYS "THANKS". I guess stupid was written all over my head when I brought this house that I thought would become my Home. I bet MATTHEWS HOMES WAS LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK. I bet you guy or setting back laughing all way to the bank saying we now have the money for the CITY "THANKS WALMART. Sad for my neighbors and I but the City of Merced will have JOBS. Have you guys consider visiting Arkansas. I bet they don't have DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN THEIR FRONT yards because the people of Arkansas probably wouldn't allow it.

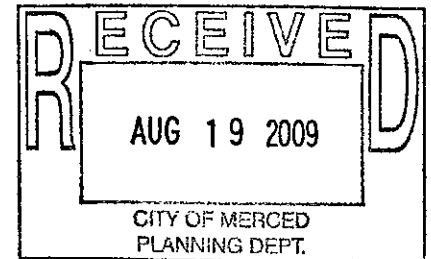
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Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER

From the website.

Dawn

Dawn Walker
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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Olsen [mailto:linny47@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 7:24 PM
To: city, council
Subject: WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER

You have to approve this venture...it's either Merced getting the economic boost in the form of jobs and tax revenue, or they will go up the road to Turlock. Yes..it will be a trade off in some areas, but I am sick of this town just being known for its welfare percentage and unemployment. I am also sick of hearing Merced being referred to as Merdead. We are going in that direction if we don't get some jobs other than retail. Thanks in advance for all your hard work

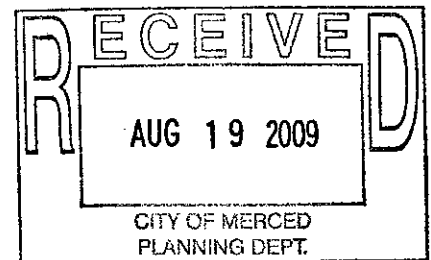
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From: WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com [mailto:WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 7:04 PM
To: city, council
Subject: walmart distribution

I see its the wrong place wrong time for the homeless , but right place right time for Walmart , right in my front yard. So my neighbors an family will have to live with. Sancastle subdivision seem to have been poor planning by the City of Merced now this neighborhood and community will suffer. I feel bad for those poor little kids that walk to and from school .With that many trucks on the street. Yes ,were told that, they will have their own route but Mc lanes have a lot of independent drivers that seem to get lost. I see the area foreclosure going up because people will not want to live around all that noise and pollution. So they say their trucks will be hybrids but what about independent drivers. The city council and the planning commission need to think long an hard about this one because your going to have a lot of deaths on your hand may GOD BE WITH YOU . You may feel good about providing jods but your playing with people lives and well being, do you know how many people in Merced are living with COPD ? Merced is not big enough for a DISTRIBUTION CENTER .I think you guy need to visit Arkansas I don't think they will consider building a DISTIBUTION CENTER in their neighborhoods with homes and schools believe me I'm from the SOUTH. Their usually 20 plus miles away or in area where population is extinct just open land and trees . They have seemed to pull the wool over the city of Merced eyes BECAUSE the people of Merced do see the economic situation getting better without all these jobs that will be created. Yes we need jobs but jobs that make since not ones that will destroy the neighborhood I chose to live in . I guess I could just walk a way its just my home. By the way Foreclosures nothing to Merced.

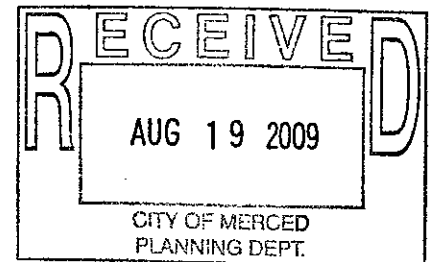
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From: Bev Young [mailto:by94030@pacbell.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 12:01 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Support for Walmart Distribution Center

Perhaps this distribution center will be a way to start to put this poor town back on its feet. **I am fully in support of the Walmart Distribution Center.** DO NOT let this opportunity go by or be dragged down by red tape.

Thank you,
Bev Young

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From: News from Walmart [info@walmartcan.ccsend.com] on behalf of News from Walmart [walmartnews@mercedcan.com]

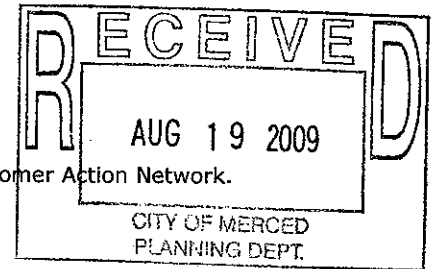
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 8:07 AM

To: Espinosa, Kim

Subject: Distribution Center Hearing Tonight - Have Your Voice Heard

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City to Consider Walmart Distribution Center Project Tonight - Have Your Voice Heard

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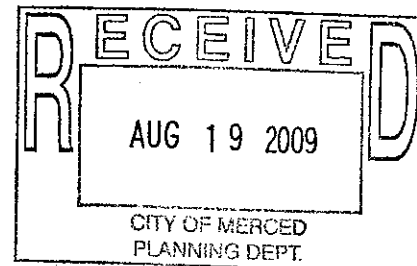
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From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 3:36 PM
To: Espinosa, Kim
Subject: FW: Public Hearings- tomorrow evening-6:00



Kim,

FYI regarding the email below. I received this yesterday.

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www.cityofmerced.org*

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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 2:24 PM

To: sanford bill; Hamilton, Mark; pereira marilynne; DeThomas Lysa; kelly-ortega melissa; Stockard kyle; aalbu Dannique; brannon julie; baxter rick; leap Ken; stanley jared; koch rochelle; Wilson jd; burke dave; hicks justin and christina; Sanchez Anna; medefind candace; kayser-grant lisa; harmon tom; snyder lucy; wood herb; sellers sheila; Forrest, Kim Forrest; lashbrook Cindy; Dietrich Heidi; tucker dave; ruth bill; Waite Marlene; mary-michael rawling; pierce nancy; Okuye jean; coburn cary; sullivan lynn; weaser Jo; alorro audrey; Mazzotti adam; porter JoAn; anderson glenn; goings carolyn; ortega Raquel; huff gwen; logan george; allsup annette; jones ocean; tolsma andy; reynolds MaryAnn; VanMeter lynn; garland urla; ochoa cesar; biesiada jule; osborne mark; lober carly; ayala gil; Hetland dave; nick robinson; wyan roger and marissa; wood glenn; petrequin gordon; karlton JoAnne; sullivan marty; pitman marsh; smaby nadine; gowa; hyson gaylan; ornberg jane; McCorry maureen; hansen elaine; harrison bettie; nethercutt buddy; douglas noel and linda; knox joel; freitas jeff; anderson susan; middlebrooks kara; magneson charlie and sally; weaser judi; Mostern Kenny

Subject: Public Hearings- tomorrow evening-6:00

The proposed Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Merced has many issues around it. **Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:00 P.M.** the Merced City Planning Commission will begin the public hearings to discuss the the project. Wal-Mart will present for 15 minutes followed by a 15 minute summary by those concerned about the impacts on our community. Open comments from the public will then be heard-(3 minute time limit per speaker).

Come offer your own comments or just listen and learn what all the hub-bub is about. This is a complex project (the Final EIR is 1500 pages!) with many ramifications. **Tomorrow evening's meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th St.**

A bit more info if you like:

One of the Merced Sierra Club's prime focuses this month and next will be the community discussions surrounding the proposed Wal-Mart distribution center. It is sited in the Merced City

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limits at the south end of town near the Mission interchange on highway 99. The Final Environmental Impact Report (F.E.I.R.) was released July 30th. Free CD copies are available at the City Planning Office on W. 18th St. Hard copies are expensive, \$145 for the two volumes, but they can be accessed at the County library or the City Planning Office. All documents can also be downloaded at www.cityofmerced.org.

After the Planning Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council, the Council will hold its own open hearings before they make a final decision. The current timeline suggests that these hearings may begin around Sept. 21 but adjustments will be made as needed. We hope Sierra Club members and the community at large will actively be part of this final stage of the process as well.

The Merced Group has many concerns about how the distribution center will impact both the local environment and the health of Merced residents. In particular the location near three existing schools, with a fourth proposed, seems irresponsible. Recent studies have shown the deleterious effects of diesel emissions on children. Families in the many nearby residences would also be severely impacted. Though indeed zoned industrial at one time, residential growth has been allowed to blossom in the immediate area. Also, not all industries carry the impact of 600-900 big rigs per day in and out of the facility, 24/7, 365 days a year. Whether the focus is air quality, contamination of water run off, the control of dangerous chemicals, light and noise pollution, or traffic congestion and road deterioration this project has many impacts on our community which need to be addressed.

In these difficult economic times jobs are indeed a top priority too. That is the major positive impact many are hoping for. Will a significant number of the new jobs go to local citizens? At the time of this writing Wal-Mart refuses to make any such commitment.

Included in the EIR are letters submitted by agencies, groups, and individuals cataloging their thoughts about the pros and cons of the project. Though you may not know specifically what to ask about a given topic, someone with expertise has very likely weighed in on your behalf. The document includes responses to each letter of comment which may answer your concerns- or not. The hearings are a chance for the citizens of Merced to share final thoughts and analyses with our elected officials before they make a decision on our behalf.

The Merced Sierra Club can provide some assistance in tackling this massive document and helping you locate your area of interest. If you have connections to individuals or agencies that have been involved over the years in this debate they can be a valued resource as well.

Do your civic duty- become informed- become involved.

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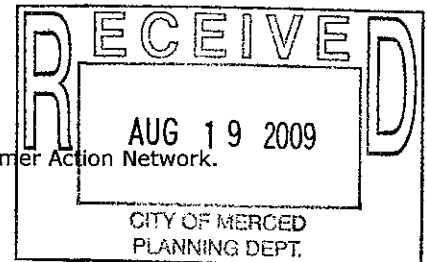
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Walmart Holds Food Drive and Displays Green Truck

To help address the county's hunger needs, Walmart held a food drive last week at its Merced store and announced a donation of \$5,000 worth of canned goods to the United Way of Merced County and the Merced County Food Bank.

During the food drive, Walmart's green diesel-electric hybrid truck, nicknamed "Shrek," was on display for customers to learn more about Walmart's progress in building a more sustainable trucking fleet - including innovations that include trucks fueled by liquid natural gas and by brown grease recycled from in-store deli operations. To learn more about Walmart trucks, [click here](#).



City to Vote Project Up or Down This Wednesday

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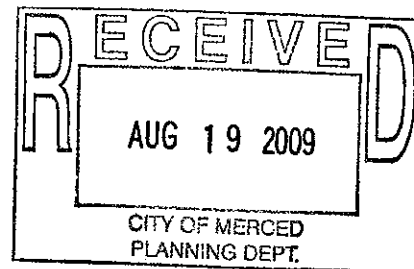
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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 8:41 AM
To: city, council
Subject: WAL MART DISTRIBUTION CENTER

With the vote so close I cannot impress upon all of you enough how important it is to have WalMart's Distribution Center here in Merced. The College will take decades to produce all of its economic benefits and will be great! WalMart's benefits will start immediately and be directed at a different socio-economic class. Truck drivers will stop and buy meals from local restaurants, gas and parts from local retailers and maybe even stay in Merced Hotels. It can only be positive. It will put Merced on the Truck Drivers map, maybe somebody like Flying J will want to locate a truck stop here. I hope you all use some common sense in your vote! If you turn WalMart away after all their time and effort what other enterprise is going to waste their time (years) to haggle with Merced about coming here? We need them a lot more than they need us. Do you realize that Gottschalk's empty Distribution center sits only about 20 miles away??? WalMart and it's Distribution centers are a fact of life in the U.S. and are growing Worldwide. MERCED needs to be part of this growth!!!!

VOTE FOR THE

WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

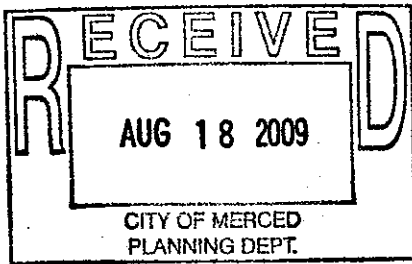
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12 August 2009

John Carlisle
Merced City Council
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, Ca 95340

Dear Councilman Carlisle,

The purpose of this letter is to lend my support for the proposed Wal-Mart Distribution Center being located in Merced. Even before the current trying economic times, Wal-Mart's decision to locate in Merced should be seen as a golden opportunity for our community. Given the current dire state of the economy in our city, state, and nation, this offer takes on an even greater significance and urgency.

There are far too many people in this area who are desperate for employment. This would offer an excellent chance for some folks to secure a good job with benefits; thereby helping not only themselves and their family, but, also, our community as a whole.

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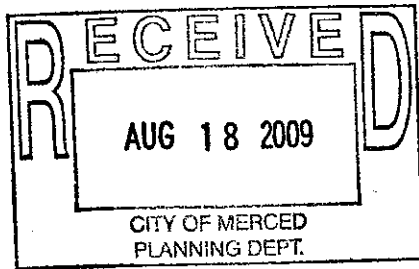
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Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Fromson".

Ruth Fromson



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3140 Leaf Drive
Merced, CA 95340-9363

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Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 1:56 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart Distribution Center

Dear City Council,
My husband and I are in full support of the Walmart Distribution Center! Please vote 'yes' on this matter.

Sincerely,
Jason and Melissa Culver
3509 San Francisco St.
Merced, CA 95348
(209) 725-8087

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From: Useopc30@aol.com [mailto:Useopc30@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 6:31 PM
To: city, council
Subject: (no subject)

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO APPROVE THE WAL-MART PROJECT. WE NEED THE JOBS.

I ALSO CAN'T IMAGINE ANY OF YOU VOTING TO PAY SOMEBODY \$ 95.00 PER HR. TO LOOK AFTER ANYTHING. SOME ONE LIKE BILL CAHILL COULD SPEND TWO HOURS A DAY AND DO A VERY GOOD JOB. \$ 95.00 PER HOUR ----- FOR WHAT ?

KENNETH CARTER
3415 PASEO VERDE AVE
MERCED, CA.

8/17/2009

Espinosa, Kim

From: Walker, Dawn on behalf of city, council
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2009 11:17 AM
To: city, council; Bill Spriggs (E-mail); Carlisle, John; Conway, Mike; Cortez, Joseph; Dawn Walker (E-mail); Ellie Wooten (E-mail 2); Ellie Wooten (E-mail); Gabriault, Michele; Jim Sanders (E-mail); Joe Cortez (E-mail); John Bramble; John Carlisle (E-mail); Lor, Noah; Lor, Noah; Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail 2); Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail); Sanders, Jim; Spriggs, Bill
Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: WalMart

From the website.

Dawn

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-----Original Message-----

From: clint.moore@ubs.com [mailto:clint.moore@ubs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 7:14 AM
To: city, council
Subject: WalMart

I urge you all to support the Walmart Distribution Center locating here in Merced. High unemployment and low wages and no jobs have persisted in Merced for to long. 1000 jobs coming to Merced. That sounds fantastic!!!! And the revenue from truck drivers buying dinners, tires, fuel, it all adds to out economy! Vote in favor of Walmart!!!

Clint Moore 1255 W. 21st St Merced

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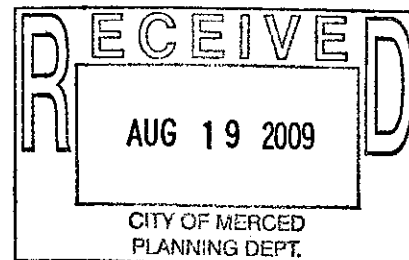
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From: Walker, Dawn on behalf of city, council
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 3:09 PM
To: city, council; Bill Spriggs (E-mail); Carlisle, John; Conway, Mike; Cortez, Joseph; Dawn Walker (E-mail); Ellie Wooten (E-mail 2); Ellie Wooten (E-mail); Gabriault, Michele; Jim Sanders (E-mail); Joe Cortez (E-mail); John Bramble; John Carlisle (E-mail); Lor, Noah; Lor, Noah; Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail 2); Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail); Sanders, Jim; Spriggs, Bill
Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Walmart Distribution Center
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-----Original Message-----

From: K [mailto:livtru_always@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 1:35 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart Distribution Center

Dear City Council Members,

I will be unable to attend the meeting tonight due to health issues. However, I wanted to voice my opinion concerning the debate on the Walmart Distribution Center.

I am 100% for the distribution center coming to our area. I live not far from the proposed site. Of course there are always pros and cons to most situations, but I have to say that given the economic desvestation in our community the pros of opening such a large number of new jobs far out weighs the cons!

I know so many people in Merced, that have been out of work and SEARCHING and applying for work for over a year! There are just too many people in our area that are desperate for honest work and dependable income. If something doesn't change for the positive soon, I fear that we are going to see more NEGATIVE consequences, such as higher crime stats, due to the utter desperation and hopelessness of so many.

Please do not allow the blind, naive outlook of a handful of comfortable people spoil the hope of uplifting the spirits and economic status of so many of our friends, family and neighbors.

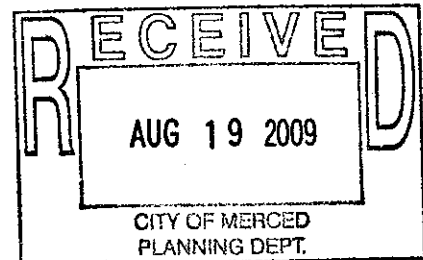
Bring more jobs to Merced and the surrounding area...help to save our community!

Sincerely,
K. Romero, 31 yr. resident of Merced County

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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 3:08 PM
To: city, council; Bill Spriggs (E-mail); Carlisle, John; Conway, Mike; Cortez, Joseph; Dawn Walker (E-mail); Ellie Wooten (E-mail 2); Ellie Wooten (E-mail); Gabriault, Michele; Jim Sanders (E-mail); Joe Cortez (E-mail); John Bramble; John Carlisle (E-mail); Lor, Noah; Lor, Noah; Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail 2); Michele Gabriault-Acosta (E-mail); Sanders, Jim; Spriggs, Bill
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-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Bechtel [mailto:jubech@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 1:20 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart Distribution Center

Most Excellent Council:

As a property owner and resident in the City of Merced, I implore this City Council to approve the building of a Walmart Distribution Center in this city.

The obvious positives of building this distribution center, including the acquisition of much needed employment opportunities for the community and the designation of Merced as a business friendly environment, far outweigh the negatives being proposed by a small group of people using scare tactics and ridiculous conjecture in an effort to halt this venture.

I cannot deny that our air quality might be further threatened by a large number of trucks using the distribution center, but this center will be built somewhere very close if Merced denies Walmart here. Some other community will enjoy the benefits and our air quality will be threatened anyway.

We desperately need jobs and we desperately need the reputation of embracing new business instead of driving it away.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Judith Bechtel
512 Spalding Court
Merced, CA