
City of Merced

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 2009
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
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 during the August 19 Planning Commission meeting or after the meeting. The Commission had previously received a CD-ROM of all the letters received on the project since 2006 and additional letters that had been received after the staff report had been issues were distributed to you on August 19. Thanks!

Attachments

Espinosa, Kim

From: Walker, Dawn on behalf of city, council
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 4:05 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

From the website.

Dawn

Dawn Walker
Executive Secretary
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Phone: (209) 385-6834
Fax: (209) 385-1780

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

From: Leonard Rich [mailto:rekfixer@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 3:46 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart

To all Council Memembers

I am in complete agreement permitting the Walmart project to be allowed to go forward with its warehouse project.

**Leonard Rich Jr.
Rich's Auto Body, Inc.
(209) 723-1022**

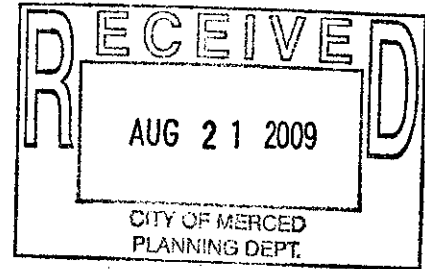
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-----Original Message-----

From: WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com [mailto:WIRUSSELLWILLIAM@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 9:15 AM
To: city, council
Subject: walmart distribution center

I know that the council probably delete all of their letters not really wanting to here what people have to say that oppose the Distribution Center. We almost had an accident this morning with a car and a big rig over by Weaver which would have cause a fatality. I feel that the City really need to think long an hard about this .My father was hit by a semi when he was in high school coming home from school .Guess where that truck was going ? Around the corner from where he lived at a plant. Also his Stepfather worked as a foreman at that plant, who died of COPD. So right know the city see it as quick fix do to the economy but later will most likely suffer the consequence.You can say YES to anything when you are not directly affected by it .I can say No because I will be force to live by it or do the city a favor an let my house go in into foreclosure.

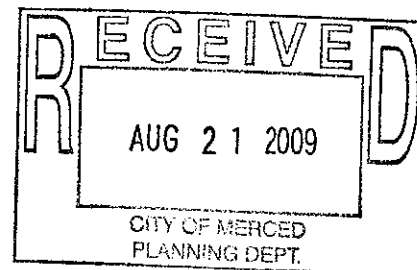
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-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Bonner [mailto:lessalt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 4:18 PM
To: city, council
Subject: WalMart

Dear City Council;
Please vote for the WalMart Distribution Center project. It is your responsibility to vote Yes.
Merced must have jobs.
Thank you.
Leslie Bonner & Robert Gold
1176 Paseo Verde Dr.
Merced, CA 95348

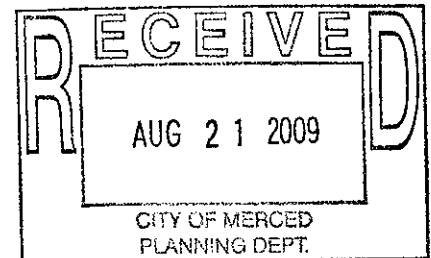
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-----Original Message-----

From: Labendeira, Larry **On Behalf Of** Master, Web
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 8:23 AM
To: Walker, Dawn
Subject: FW: GO WALMART

FYI

LARRY LABENDEIRA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

From: christy [mailto:christy@centralvalleyconcrete.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 4:57 PM
To: Master, Web
Subject: GO WALMART

I am completely for the Walmart Distribution Center as are the other girls that work with me. It will bring more jobs and get people off of unemployment and welfare.

Our vote is FOR IT.

Christy Zentner

Accounts Payable

Central Valley Concrete, Inc.

Central Valley Trucking

Cement Express LLC.

Ph: (209) 723-8846 ext.302

Fax: (209) 384-2395

christy@centralvalleyconcrete.com

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From: Melissa Kelly-Ortega [melissakellyortega@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 6:42 AM
To: Bramble, John; Cahill, Bill; Espinosa, Kim; Gonzalves, David; Hamilton, Mark; Nutt, Kim; Jordan, Daryl
Cc: billspriggs@sbcglobal.net; John Carlisle; Jim Sanders; Noah Lor; Ellie Wooten; Michele Gabriault-Acosta; Walker, Dawn; Diaz, Gregory
Subject: Community Benefits Agreement and 6 month reviews - WMDC

Good morning, everyone.

I stopped by to talk with Kim Espinoza on Tuesday to find out specifics on the \$4.1 million that would go to the City from Wal-Mart. She was able to give me some really good information. Thanks, Kim.

I have two more questions.

I am wondering if there is any way to create a Community Benefits Agreement with Wal-Mart (if it passes). Kim, you mentioned you hadn't heard of a CBA before, so I wanted to send you (and others) the following information that was sent to me.

Here's an informative document regarding CBA's <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/pdf/cba2005final.pdf>

It would be really great if the City could set up a Community Benefits Agreement as well as a 6 month review of the WMDC project (if it passes) for the following years. Something like "Check-ins" to find out where the project is, if it is accomplishing what it is supposed to accomplish, how many people the DC hired locally, etc. These could be open to the public, given in presentation Q&A form, etc. If I remember correctly, the UC did a fairly good job working with the community (at least most think they did).

I understand this is not current city policy, but if the corporation decides to enter into an agreement to do such things, then it's really an agreement and not a mandate.

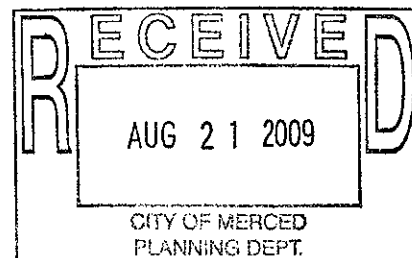
Things to think about over the weekend.

Thank you.

Take care,

Melissa

209-261-7109



8/21/2009

Lane, Victoria

From: Chuck Meyer [chukmins@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 12:17 PM
To: Lane, Victoria
Subject: Walmart Distribution Center

Planning Commission
City Of Merced

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support for the Walmart Distribution Center being proposed for Merced.

There is a huge need in the county and especially in Merced for jobs! I have lived, been in business, and raised my family in Merced for over 50 years. Throughout this time, the citizens of Merced have had a serious problem: raising their children for 18-20 years and then have them move to other communities where they could find JOBS!! Many of those young people would have stayed in Merced and raised families and contributed to the economic vitality of our local area. Now we have a unique opportunity to start to turn our city into a better place to live and raise tax paying citizens for the betterment of all.

If we let this wonderful opportunity get away from Merced, we may as well give up any attempt to attract another business or industry to our area. Any future site locator or business would know that Merced is not a community that is friendly to businesses or industry.

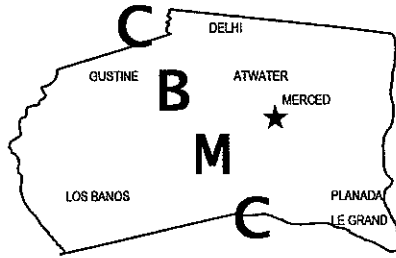
Please vote favorably to recommend to the Merced City Council that they also approve the application for the new Walmart Distribution Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A Meyer
2824 Park Ave, Suite C
Merced, CA 95348

8/21/2009

CITIZENS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MERCED COUNTY RECEIVED AT _____
PC MEETING
OF 8-19-09
(DATE)



August 19th, 2009

**Planning Commission
City of Merced
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340**

Dear Commissioner Amey:

After touring the Wal-Mart distribution center in Apple Valley, California the Citizens for the Betterment of Merced County (CBMC) would like to take the opportunity to encourage you, and the rest of the Merced City Council, to fully endorse and support the Wal-Mart distribution center here in Merced. This distribution center once completed is proposed to be equal in size, operation and production to the Apple Valley site. Please allow me to highlight what this could mean to our local economy.

Warehouse payroll alone in Apple Valley is approximately \$1,850,000 per month. Monthly management payroll is another \$440,000. Just like Apple Valley, a distribution center here in Merced will need approximately 145 truck drivers, which will add another \$1,200,000 in monthly payroll. When all is said and done, a fully operational distribution center similar to what is already up and running in Apple Valley will add over \$40,000,000 in annual salary to our economy.

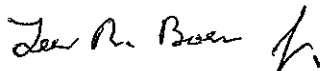
Furthermore, in Apple Valley, approximately 90% of all warehouse workers were hired locally at opening. Approximately 95% of all current employees in Apple Valley live within 15 miles of the distribution center. Virtually all of the management (76) have purchased a home, most between \$200,000 and \$300,000. And, most of the warehouse workers that have been with the Distribution Center since the start are now homeowners.

As an added bonus, the construction phase alone will create 600 much needed jobs in our community.

As for those who claim the environmental impact is too great a threat compared to the economic benefits to our community. The location where the distribution center is proposed has been designated as an industrial zone for the last 20 years. Moreover, because of the zoning and the soon to be direct link to highway 99 on Campus Parkway, the distribution center will not impact Ag land or encroach on any residential areas.

The time is now for Merced's leadership to stand as one and fully endorse this project, which will add so much to our local economy. The CBMC along with The Merced Boosters, The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, the Merced County Economic Development Corporation and the citizens of Merced ask that you fully endorse the building of the Wal-Mart distribution center.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Boese Jr.
President Citizens for the Betterment of Merced County

Board Members:

Lee R Boese Jr.	President
Mike Carpenter	Vice President
Doug Fluetsch,	
Guy Maxwell,	
Jim Abbate,	
John Abbate,	
Ric Kirby,	
Bert Crane,	
Doug Fluetsch,	
Jeff Marchini,	
Nellie McGarry,	
Eric Hamm	
Forrest Hansen	

Cc
Merced City Council

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The housing crisis is hitting some cities harder than others. Merced, Calif., is a long way from recovery

POPULATION

245,658

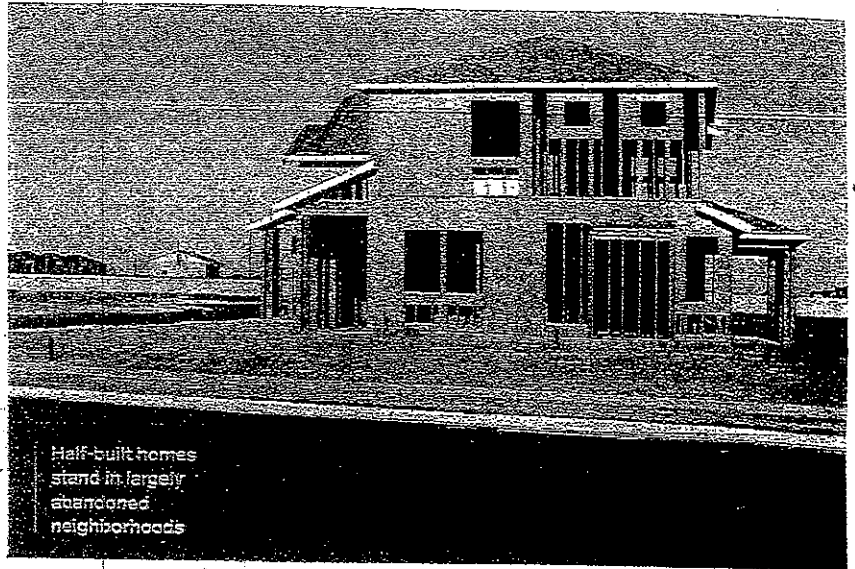
2007 MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$230,440

2008 MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$144,000

All numbers refer to metro area
 Data: Fiserv



Half-built homes stand in largely abandoned neighborhoods

FORECLOSURES

Home prices have collapsed in cities such as Merced, Calif., and Port St. Lucie, Fla., where scores of borrowers can't keep up with their mortgage payments. Even when the rest of the country recovers, foreclosure-pocked areas still may be digging out.

The housing crisis is creating ghost towns of once-bustling communities like Merced, in largely abandoned neighborhoods, paved sidewalks and driveways lead to empty lots strewn with utility coils. Unfinished frames with rotting rafters and rusted hinges sit alongside occupied homes. Roughly 40% of the homes in Merced are considered distressed, meaning owners are behind on their mortgage payments or can't make them at all. The toll is expected to rise, even though California extended its moratorium on foreclosures for another 90 days.

Merced, situated in Central California's San Joaquin Valley, is an extreme example of what's happening across the country. As the economy tanks, foreclosures are soaring. Roughly one out of four subprime mortgages nationally is in trouble. Even so-called prime borrowers, who had good credit when they got their loans, now are having trouble keeping up; about 5% of these loans are in foreclosure, up from less than 1% in 2007, according to the Mortgage Bankers Assn. Rates are even higher in cities like Merced, Fort Myers, Fla., and Bakersfield, Calif., where the bust has been brutal.

Such markets will continue to suffer

as they work through the inventory of foreclosed properties. In Merced, property values have dropped 70% in some cases. With banks and borrowers dumping distressed homes, prices could fall by 30% more, according to Karen Weaver, a Deutsche Bank analyst. Merced, say analysts, will hit bottom by mid- to late 2010—after the rest of the country. In places like Bloomington, Ind., and Fayetteville, N.C., where homeowners are in better shape, the markets should be more resilient.

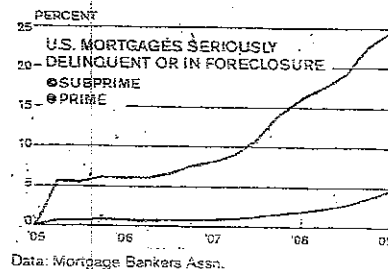
Foreclosure does present opportunities: Buyers and investors are scooping up distressed properties at cut-rate prices. Those purchases are helping

jump-start sales in hard-hit states like California, Nevada, and Florida—the first signs of life in otherwise moribund markets. Jillian Mendoza, a high school teacher in Merced, bought her first home out of foreclosure in September. She paid \$143,000 for the three-bedroom home, which the previous owner had bought for \$325,000 several years ago. "I never thought I'd be able to buy a house at 25," says Mendoza. "I got such a deal on it that I'm not that worried about it losing value."

Like many former boom towns, Merced is paying the price for unsustainable growth. The University of California announced in 2001 that it would open its first new campus in more than 40 years on 84 acres in northern Merced. In anticipation of the potential demand, builders flocked to the area, and real estate investors bid up prices.

But they were overly optimistic. The school projected only modest admission rates and faculty hires—and housing supply far exceeded demand. Now the market lies in ruins, as unemployment tops 20%. Says Janet Young, assistant chancellor at UC Merced, which opened in 2005: "The housing boom was a huge surprise to us." **IBW**

BAD LOANS



Grapes of Rathke

By John H. Fund

The Democratic oak has grown, in part, from Acorn, a feisty, union-backed activist group. The organization says on its Web site that it "registered over 540,000 low-income and minority voters" and deployed over 4,000 get-out-the-vote workers for yesterday's elections. But after years of scandal involving its election efforts and misuse of government grants, Acorn is finally coming under scrutiny, with four of its Kansas City, Mo., workers under indictment for submitting false voter registrations. (As of this writing, all are at large.) Other states—including Pennsylvania and Maryland—are also conducting probes. Notes the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City: "This national investigation is very much ongoing."

Founded by union organizer Wade Rathke in 1970, Acorn boasts an annual budget of some \$40 million and operates everything from "social justice" radio stations to an affordable-housing arm. Still run after 36 years by Mr. Rathke as "chief organizer," it is best known for its campaigns against Wal-Mart, and for leading initiatives in six states to raise the minimum wage. One of those states is Missouri. St. Louis election officials were so inundated with bogus Acorn-generated voter registrations that they mailed a letter to 5,000 registrants, requesting the recipients to contact them. Fewer than 40 responded. Mr. Rathke attacked the officials as "slop buckets" and claimed they had "broken the law in trying to discourage new voters illegally."

City officials scoff at that. They say it's up to Acorn to explain why over 1,000 addresses listed on its registrations don't exist. "We met twice with Acorn before their drive, but our requests completely fell by the wayside," says Democrat Matt Potter, the city's deputy elections director. His election clerks were already putting in 13-hour work days and "dumping this on them isn't fair." In the past, several Democrats, including Mayor Francis Slay, have complained about bloated voter rolls leading to stolen votes.

Acorn insists any problems stem from dishonest former employees. Mr. Rathke says he is actively cooperating with the probe in Kansas City, and has alerted prosecutors in other states about registration problems. That doesn't satisfy Melody Powell, the Republican chairwoman of the Kansas City Board of Elections, who says Acorn's claim that it brought the fraud to light is "seriously misleading." She says her staff first took the evidence to the FBI, and Acorn only then helped identify the perpetrators. According to Ms. Powell, 40% of the 36,000 registrations it sub-

fraud," she says, noting that "anyone can find a voter card mailed to a false apartment building address lying around a lobby and use it to vote." Ms. Powell worries legitimate voters who were registered a second time by someone else under a false address will find it difficult to vote.

Mr. Rathke explains that Missouri's problems came about because his organizers were required to turn in all registrations within seven days of being collected "even if the name on them was Donald Duck," and that state law discouraged them from sending copies of the forms out of state to Acorn's Little Rock office, which would have done quality-control checks. Election officials say Acorn was responsible for policing its own work.

Acorn comes under scrutiny. About time.

Current and former Acorn employees say the problems in Kansas City and St. Louis are no accident. "There's no quality control on purpose, no checks and balances," says Nate Tolier, currently head organizer of an Acorn campaign against Wal-Mart in Merced, Calif. In 2004 he worked on an Acorn voter drive in Missouri, and says Acorn statements aren't to be taken at face value. "The internal motto is 'We don't care if it's a lie, just so long as it stirs up the conversation.'"

Mr. Tolier expects to be attacked as a disgruntled employee, and that "I may have my head chopped off for telling the truth." Indeed, he has this year filed an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint alleging that Acorn has consistently promoted whites to management positions over equally qualified blacks. But his allegations are backed by three former Acorn employees who have filed similar EEOC complaints.

One of them, Sashanti Bryant of Detroit, Mich., was a community organizer for Acorn. She told me it has a problem paying employees on time and has almost no minorities in its upper echelons. Loretta Barton, until June of this year a lead Acorn organizer from Dayton, Ohio, and another EEOC complainant, told me that all Acorn wanted from registration drives was results. Ms. Barton alleges that when she and her co-workers asked about forming a union they were slapped down. "We were told if you get a union, you won't have a job." There is some history here: In 2003, the National Labor Relations Board ordered Acorn to rehire and pay restitution to three employees it had illegally fired for trying to organize a union.

In response, Mr. Rathke says he is neutral on internal union matters.

year you'll have some who complain." He also said the four complaints lodged with the EEOC had all been dismissed. When told that wasn't the case, he said "there may be some loose ends to be tied up... I'm not going to impugn any of the people involved."

Still, Acorn is vulnerable to charges it doesn't practice what it preaches. Its manual for minimum-wage campaigns says it intends "to push for as high a wage as possible." But it doesn't pay those wages. In 2004 Acorn won a \$9.50 an hour minimum wage in Santa Fe, N.M., for example, but pays its organizers \$25,000 a year for a required 54-hour week—\$8.90 an hour. This year Acorn had workers in Missouri sign contracts saying they would be "working up to 80 hours over seven days of work." Mr. Rathke says "We pay as much as we can. If people can get more elsewhere, we wish them well."

In 1995 Acorn unsuccessfully sued California to be exempt from the minimum wage, claiming that "the more that Acorn must pay each individual outreach worker... the fewer outreach workers it will be able to hire." Mr. Rathke acknowledges higher wages can cost some jobs but that the raises for other workers are worth it.

Last year Acorn helped convince the House to create an "affordable housing trust fund," allocating up to 5% of the profits generated by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to groups such as Acorn that build affordable housing. The Senate failed to act on the bill, but it will surely be reintroduced.

But previous federal grants to Acorn have been highly controversial. In 1994 the Acorn Housing Corporation was given a \$1.1 million grant by AmeriCorps, the federal volunteer agency. An inspector general found the nonprofit had improperly used AmeriCorps recruits for political purposes; the grant was terminated. A guaranteed stream of federal cash to a group that so often falls audits would invite trouble. Today, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley will send a letter to the IRS asking the agency to investigate Acorn and allied groups for possibly misusing their tax status for political purposes.

On his blog Mr. Rathke dismisses criticism as "major league political harassment... crazy words." Lasting out at critics, says Mr. Tolier, is "just Wade being Wade, engaging in the politics of distraction." Another former Acorn employee says the group has become a "cult" under Mr. Rathke, and must increasingly take bigger risks in order to grow. What risks it might take in pursuit of its agenda can only be surmised—though some clues may emerge from the ongoing federal

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To Merced City Council:

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April 23, 2009

Mayor Ellie Wooten
City of Merced
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

RE: Wal-Mart Distribution Center

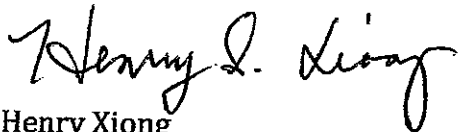
Dear Mayor Wooten:

As a community member of the City of Merced, I would like to forward the following petition from 233 Southeast Asian community members in support of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center to you and City Council members.

With the nation's current economic crisis, Merced has been deeply affected, having one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation (19.9%). As a Limited English Proficient (LEP) and low skilled workforce, the Southeast Asian community has been especially hard hit by this crisis. The distribution center will greatly benefit these community members by creating numerous attainable jobs.

We as community members strongly believe that the development of the distribution center will greatly enhance employment opportunities and the economy in Merced, and urge you to support the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

Sincerely,



Henry Xiong
Community Member

Encls.

**PETITION TO SUPPORT JOB CREATION
AND TO SUPPORT THE WAL-MART DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Merced City Council

November 21, 2008

As you may probably know Merced has one of the highest unemployment rates in the Nation. The high unemployment rate disproportionately impacts ethnic communities and the less educated. The Asian community, particularly those of Hmong, Lao, and Mien descent, in Merced City suffer disproportionately from the effects of the high rate of unemployment: poverty, gang violence, lack of health insurance, poor health and health care, among others. As elected leaders, we urge you to support policies that will create jobs, so that all communities can benefit. In particular, we support and urge you to support the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

	Name	Address	Signature
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3	Diacha Vanu	4398 N. Tamara Fresno 93722	Diacha Vanu
4	Pao Ly Xiong	3156 Loughborough Ln 6312979 - Fresno	Pao Ly Xiong
5	Cheng Thao	868 Marion Ct Merced	Cheng Thao
6	Cher Pao Vang	2273 Fern St Merced, CA 95318	Cher Pao Vang
7	Andy L. Yang	195 Della Dr. Atwater, CA 95301	Andy L. Yang
8	Kelly Vang	1236 Cavallaro Ct Merced, CA	Kelly Vang
9	Fisher man	61 San Pedro St	Fisher man
10	Phu Anh	3214 Monte Vista Ct	Phu Anh
11	Lue Yang	2523 Elm Ave Merced, CA	Lue Yang
12	Nha Bee Thao	430 Vargas Ct Merced	Nha Bee Thao
13	Moua Sam Paul	405 Rice Ct Merced	Moua Sam Paul
14	Way Her Lee	3227 Culley Ct Merced	Way Her Lee
15	Vang Pao Xiong	1292 HANSEN AVE. MERCED	Vang Pao Xiong
16	Yawa man	2071 Cambridge Atwater	Yawa man
17	Za Dada Her	669 Junipero Ct Merced	Za Dada Her
18	Vally Moa	2565 Stony Brook AVE	Vally Moa
19	Chong Sue Xiong	117 La Parisima Ct Merced	Chong Sue Xiong
20	Chong Za Xiong	1553 Sacramento St	Chong Za Xiong

21	Wai Chan	2882 Bea ct merced	Wai Chan
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31	Hersyung	1493 Hunters Dr.	Hersyung
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33	LEE Xiong	1302 W 25th St	LEE Xiong
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35	Tou Yang	2432 Driftwood merced	Tou Yang
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37	Panhia Xiong	1493 Hunters Drive	Panhia Xiong
38	Wendy Xiong	1302 West 1st Street	Wendy Xiong
39	Mai Ker Xiong	1302 W. 1st St.	Mai Ker Xiong
40	CHUE YANG	5111 Margaret Ct	CHUE YANG
41	Juachang	3660 Syracuse Ct merced	Juachang
42	Jawa Xiong	2933 Tenayade	Jawa Xiong
43	Ka Xiong	1282 Hansen Ave	Ka Xiong
44	Chong Chang	1284 Hansen Ave	Chong Chang
45	Leng Xiong	1301 N DeRAIN Apt 58	Leng Xiong
46	Thu Yung Lee	1493 Hunters Dr.	Thu Yung Lee
47	Yeng Xiong	1284 Hansen Ave.	Yeng Xiong
48	Jin Yung	3532 San Moritz Ave	Jin Yung
49	Lasley Xiong	3660 Syracuse Ct.	Lasley Xiong
50	Kou Her	3312 Twin Hark ct	Kou Her

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	Name	Address	Signature
1	Ving Cha	9586 Liberty Ave Atwater	
2	Fai pha	3065 Bea Dr	
3	Song Doua Cha	1803 Augusta Dr Atwater	
4	Fong Chank	4745 N. Hwy 59 Merced	
5	Kong Chang	3065 Bea Dr.	
6	Keng Chang	3065 Bea Dr.	
7	Bona Tone Chan	-	
8	Jonathan	480 E. Santa Isc	
9	Jianling	1516 Denver Way, Merced, CA	
10	Mou Chang	6974 cottage st aurora ca 95320	
11	Xor Chang	408 woodrow w s Fresno	
12	Kue Chang	1111 Monticello Ct	
13	CHENG SUE	579 Santiteressa st Merced	
14	Vinghau Chang	651 Brittany way	
15	Ricky Chang	2556 N. Ave	
16	Jou Hou Chang	1111 Monticello Ct merced	
17	Nhiang Chang	527 Starcala Merced	
18	Chue Hue	7148 Tokay Cir. Winton	
19	Cher Chang	4585 N. Highway 59 #A	

21	Fong Chang	1093 Kelso St Atwater, CA	Fong Chang
22	Her Chang	1214 W 3rd St Merced, CA 95141	Her Chang
23	Cha xiachang	7096 Asuzie St. Winton.	Cha xiachang
24	Chester Chang	Merced CA, 95341	Chester Chang
25	Bee Lee	Merced 95300	Bee Lee
26	Tiong Vang	Merced CA 95348	Tiong Vang
27	Chou Toua Chang	Merced CA 95340	Chou Toua Chang
28	Teng Vang		Teng Vang
29	Houa Chang	530 East Santa Fe Ave. Merced CA 95340	Houa Chang
30	Chia Chang		Chia Chang
31	Aong Chang	7140 Tokay Cir. Winton CA	Aong Chang
32	Shamee Vay	480 E. Santa Fe Ave Merced CA	Shamee Vay
33	Billie Lee	1803 Ayza Lee	Billie Lee
34	Joua Vang	9586 Liberty Avenue Atwater CA 95301	Joua Vang
35	Kalia Cha	9586 Liberty Avenue Atwater CA 95302	Kalia Cha
36	Pa Chang	1159 Monticello St Merced CA 95341	Pa Chang
37	Soua Vang	Merced 95341	Soua Vang
38	Ka Vang	Merced 95341	Ka Vang
39	Kabao Thao	Merced 95341	Kabao Thao
40	Julie Thao	4745 N. Hwy 59 Merced, CA 95348	Julie Thao
41	Mancy Yang	5820 N. Santa Fe Dr. Atwater 95301	Mancy Yang
42	Bao Nhia Xiong	809 San Juan Rd. 224 Sacramento 95834	Bao Nhia Xiong
43	Soua Vang	2204 Lobo Ave. Merced CA 95348	Soua Vang
44	Lee Vang	2204 Lobo Ave, Merced, CA 95348	Lee Vang
45	Blia Vue	2204 Lobo Ave. Merced, CA 95348	Blia Vue
46	See Vang	809 San Juan Rd. Apt Sacramento CA 95834	See Vang
47	Mai Vue	6695 Hastings Dr Winton, CA 95388	Mai Vue
48	Her Chang	Merced CA	Her Chang
49	Her Chang	1623 Sacramento Pl	Her Chang
50	Ku Vu	165 San Clemente	Ku Vu

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1	Chau Shing Hei	1575 Thurman Ct	[Signature]
2	David Ho	6538 Deann Ct Winton	David Ho
3	Boua Souther	7730 Juniper Ct	[Signature]
4	Chouy Heu	697 Trudy way	[Signature]
5	Chat Heu	648 Trudy way	[Signature]
6	Kham Heu	648 Trudy way	Kham Heu
7	Yongchue Heu	Merced	[Signature]
8	Lesing Thao	4538 Deann Ct.	[Signature]
9	Ho Khang	6538 Deann Ct Winton	Ho Khang
10	Yong Lor Heu	778 Sonora Ave	95340
11	John Heu	338 Leslie Ct	[Signature]
12	Wang Kun		Wang Kun
13	Chang Wang	1933 Saratoga Ct	[Signature]
14	Ling Heu	1575 Thurman Ct, Merced	[Signature]
15	Nao Vang		[Signature]
16	THAO Heu		[Signature]
17	[Signature]		[Signature]
18	[Signature]		[Signature]
19	Phong Vang		[Signature]
20	YEE VANG	1933 Saratoga Ct.	YEE VANG

21	Kang Her	1933 Sarcoda ct.	Kang Her
22	Chau Her	778 Sonora Ave Merced	Chau Her
23	Sandy Nova	400 Brian Ct	Michelle
24	Kamora	669 Junipera	Kamora
25	Zangying/A	22 Sunset Ct	Zangying/A
26	Phoua Noua	Merced, CA	Phoua Noua
27	Tou Her	1933 Sarcoda Court	Tou Her
28	Richard Her	1276 Hansen Ave	Richard Her
29	Nhia Her	22 Sunset CT	Nhia Her
30	Crystal Vang	319 Noble Drive	Crystal Vang
31	Oheng Lee	1276 Hansen Ave.	Oheng Lee
32	Youn Her	22 Sunset Ct	Youn Her
33	Yahgyeng	22 sunset ct	Yahgyeng
34	James Mura	5418 N. Hwy 59	James Mura
35	Seekhai Sangsaying	5418 HWY 59	Seekhai Sangsaying
36	Xiao Wang	3317 BISMARCK DR	Xiao Wang
37	Bing Chau Her	181 El Verano way	Bing Chau Her
38	Lou Her	533 Santa Clara St.	Lou Her
39	Blakhar Her	479 Judy ct Merced	Blakhar Her
40	Xiang Thao	3670 Painters Ct	Xiang Thao
41	MUANA WAI	NVA 5418 59	MUANA WAI
42	Winda Her	3931 temple ct	Winda Her
43	Long Thao Her	3931 temple ct	Long Thao Her
44	Lee Vang	316 S. Parsons Ave Apt #2	Lee Vang
45	Mai Her	316 S. Parsons Ave Apt. 2	Mai Her
46	HAO HER	5323 CARRINGTON CR. #31	HAO HER
47	Huang Jaci Her	8128 Phinney Dr Sac, CA	Huang Jaci Her
48	JA Her	8128 Phinney Dr Sac, CA	JA Her
49	Michelle Vang	8128 Phinney Dr Sac, CA	Michelle Vang
50	Diane Vang	18 Butterwick Ct. CA	Diane Vang

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1	Yanfa Mowa	2071 Cambridge Avenue	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	Maria Lia	1207 Devonwood Dr.	<i>[Signature]</i>
3	Chia Mung	1078 Independence Cir	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Fisher ma	61 San Pedro St	<i>[Signature]</i>
5	Xiaochun Mowa	1725 Cedar Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	Chunying	1853 27 St	<i>[Signature]</i>
7	Ge Mow	6651 W. Yale Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
8	Chong Mowa	61 San Pedro St	<i>[Signature]</i>
9	Yong Yee Mowa	6538 Deane Ct	<i>[Signature]</i>
10	Billy Mowa	5418 N HW 59	<i>[Signature]</i>
11	Ka Mowa	3575 San Vincent Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
12	Johnny Mowa	1921 Lopez Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
13	Tom Mowa	61 San Pedro St	<i>[Signature]</i>
14	Hua Mowa	61 San Pedro St	<i>[Signature]</i>
15	Nou Mowa	61 San Pedro St	<i>[Signature]</i>
16	Chang Yang	4780 E. Lane Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
17	Tom Mow	340 Olive Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
18	Sam Mow	632 El St	<i>[Signature]</i>
19	Vang Kow	335 Town Ave	<i>[Signature]</i>
20	Paul Mow	942 W. Sam St	<i>[Signature]</i>

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1	Jennifer Krumm	539 Leslie Ct. Merced CA 95348	<i>Jennifer Krumm</i>
2	Adam Cox	1015 W. 23RD St. Merced	<i>Adam Cox</i>
3	EMMA MEIRON	1397 Esplanade Merced	<i>Emma Meiron</i>
4	BRANDON WILLIAMS	10217 N. BUNNICH RD WINTON 95388	<i>Brandon Williams</i>
5	Septrani Raymond	2701 Lexington Merced, CA 95340	<i>Septrani Raymond</i>
6	Crystal Anderson	5727 W. Leland CE. Atwater, CA 95301	<i>Crystal Anderson</i>
7	Sarima Thao	1386 W 1st St Merced, CA 95341	<i>Sarima Thao</i>
8	Khao Nou Vang	2220 Dinkey Creek Ave. Merced, CA.	<i>Khao Nou Vang</i>
9	Lhee Lee	777 LOUGHBOROUGH APT 3 Merced, CA 95348	<i>Lhee Lee</i>
10	Sarn Saetern	353 LA MESA CT Merced, CA 95341	<i>Sarn Saetern</i>
11	Meng Xiong	575 Santa Clara St Merced CA 95340	<i>Meng Xiong</i>
12	Chang Xiong	575 Santa Clara St Merced, CA 95340	<i>Chang Xiong</i>
13	Yuu Thao	575 Santa Clara St Merced CA 95340	<i>Yuu Thao</i>
14	Sou Saetern	1337 W. 2nd St Merced CA 95341	<i>Sou Saetern</i>
15	Maaly Thao	1074 Seville Dr. Merced, CA 95341.	<i>Maaly Thao</i>
16	Dao Lor	573 Santa Clara St Merced, CA 95341	<i>Dao Lor</i>
17	Koi yang	17 E Lu purissima St CA Merced, 95341	<i>Koi yang</i>
18	Shoua Thao	508 Santa Clara St Merced, CA 95341	<i>Shoua Thao</i>
19	2nd Lee	346 S PARNOS AVE #4 Merced CA 95340	<i>2nd Lee</i>
20	Jei Lee	3465 PARNOS AVE #4 Merced CA 95340	<i>Jei Lee</i>

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21	XAMU XAO	966 W 19 ST	XAMU
22	KAO XAO	564 N JULLIN AVE	KAO
23	ZAO XAO	422 SOMONA AVE	ZAO XAO
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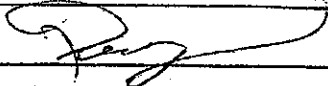
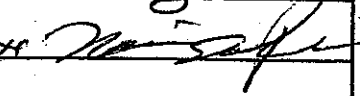
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1	NAPANTE	AA 33376 St B Merced	Napante
2	Shelly Lu	405 Rice Ct Merced	Shelly
3	Koua Neng	1560 Ellen Ct APT#6	Neng
4	Mai V Lis	1560	Mai
5	Yia Xiong	346 S Parsons Ave #3	Yia Xiong
6	Yee Jans	2861 N Franklin Rd	Yee Jans
7	Kang Yang	1896 E 22nd Street	Kang Yang
8	Chan Moua	540 N St Apt A	Chan Moua
9	Wally Yang	2419 W Shoemaker Ave	Wally Yang
10	Neng Vang	625 W 7th St	Neng Vang
11	Teng Moua	40 Colony Ln Merced	Teng Moua
12	Zoua Xiong	2582 Ashby Rd	Zoua Xiong
13	Mang Dee	218 R St Merced, CA	Mang Dee
14	Choua Thao	1586 Massassa Ct Merced	
15	Koua Cha	249 Julian Ct Merced, CA	
16	Ploua Thao		
17	NHA B Lee		
18	Chong Lee	442 N St Apt B	
19	Chang Gen Xiong	2025 stretch rd merced	Chang Gen
20	Truman Xiong	2025 stretch rd Merced	Truman Xiong

21	Otto Xiong	2025 stretok rd Merced	
22	NAO Tong Thao	1442 Conestoga Merced	NAO Tong Thao
23	Nai Saephan	275 E 10th Merced CA95341	
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1	Teresa Cromwell	2332 Mariner Vista	Teresa Cromwell
2	Nancy Fung	933 W 12th St Merced	Nancy Fung
3	Ricki Vang	579 Saint Teressa St.	Ricki Vang
4	Solieda Mouna	289 S. P. St.	Solieda Mouna
5	Joshua Thur	2006 Knight Ewing Dr.	Joshua Thur
6	Faith Vang	1269 Esplanade Dr.	Faith Vang
7	Xuy ng	P.O. Box Atwater, CA 95304	Xuy ng
8	Chuck Yang	493 Bri Hany Way, Merced, CA 95341	Chuck Yang
9	Ke Xing	2748 N. Weber Ave, Fresno, CA	Ke Xing
10	ARCELIAG	1876 Belcher Ave	Arce Liag
11	Beth Cha	8877 N Cedar St, Fresno	Beth Cha
12	Konk vms	2304 Cassin Ave Merced CA 95301	Konk vms
13	Jo Vern	3783 Alcott Dr Merced	Jo Vern
14	Joe May	423 Petunia Ct	Joe May
15	Kac Chang	1772 Willowbrook	Kac Chang
16	Chio Suetern	1327 W 2nd St	Chio Suetern
17	Sonia Sauer	777 Monique Ct	Sonia Sauer
18	Walter Vang	1149 S. 10th St 2013	Walter Vang
19	Thao Hu	2307 S. Clara Ave Fresno	Thao Hu
20	XO2 Thao	3309 S. 10th	XO2 Thao

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21	SAM Lee	29 Creeks Edge Lp #B	916) 427-1306
22	Don Van	2651 W. Big Sandy Ave	(209) 725 9101
23	Nancy Lee	116 SISCO DE ASIS	(209) 383-1004
24	Yang Cheng		722 8046
25	Nhachon Nam		304-2426
26	Sia mouaht		725-8928
27	Juan Lee		726-7454
28	SYNTHA SEW		631-8020
29	Mary Vang		(916) 395-7128
30	Dr. Pak. Cho		(59) 360-4520
31	Kara Lee	1512 TIPPENAY, su, mend	209-726-1027
32	Dan Lee		722 2069
33	Ting King		209 384-2600
34	Choi		
35	DANNY		
36	XIANG		
37	Ting Vang		
38	TOU		
39	Robert F Chang		
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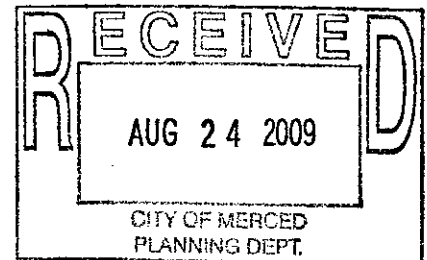
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Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Walmart

From the website.

Dawn

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

From: Labendeira, Larry **On Behalf Of** Master, Web
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 8:32 AM
To: Walker, Dawn
Subject: FW: Walmart

FYI

LARRY LABENDEIRA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

From: judy harse [mailto:judyharse@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2009 11:54 AM
To: Master, Web
Subject: Walmart

Dear Sirs;
Couldn't make it to the Walmart meeting, but wanted you all to know I am for the distribution center. I am a home owner in the Belleview Ranch area with a home that has lost 60% of its value and the \$200,000 I put down as my down payment. I don't believe my home value will decrease further if the distribution center comes in, hopefully it will help. I heard Rippon, a prosperous town, became so d/t truck stops starting up there. We need jobs and we need them now, not in 30 years when UC Merced will have a medical school. I'll be dead by then.

Count on my support for the Walmart Distribution Center.

8/24/2009

Sincerely,
Judy L. Harse, RD, IBCLC
and homeowner

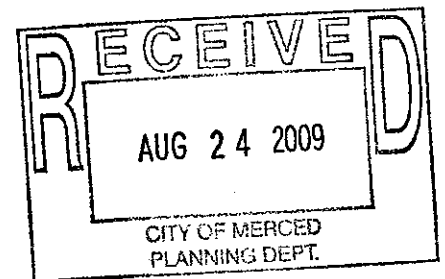
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Subject: FW: Say YES to Walmart Distribution Center!

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

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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2009 11:29 AM
To: city, council
Subject: Say YES to Walmart Distribution Center!

To the Esteemed Member of the City Council of Merced:

As a middle school teacher at Tenaya in Merced, I am quite aware that Merced needs to provide more employment opportunities for its citizens. Walmart pays well. The proposed distribution center is being built in an area of Merced that was zoned for that type of business. I am frustrated by the efforts of privileged Mercedians to block Walmart. I urge you to listen to the majority of Merced's citizens and get this project back on track!

Sincerely,
Beverly Wigley

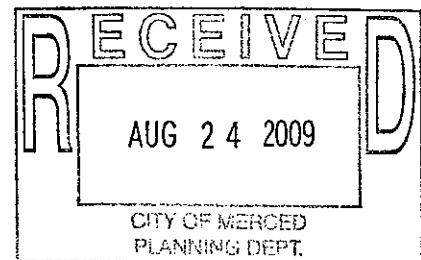
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Subject: FW: 1 Question

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From: sergio soares [mailto:wizardguyz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 7:11 PM
To: city, council
Subject: 1 Question

I agree with for help jobs. yes. but One plm If Deaf cant understand that question on Apply. how they can get job. Most Deaf need job so am I. I need job. i miss work ex walmart but it wont hired back again last 9 yrs ago i try reapply never called back.

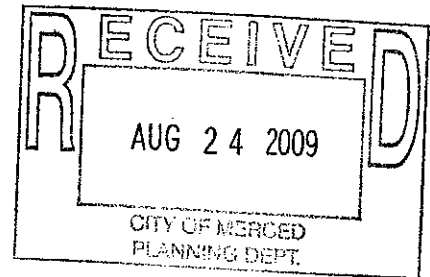
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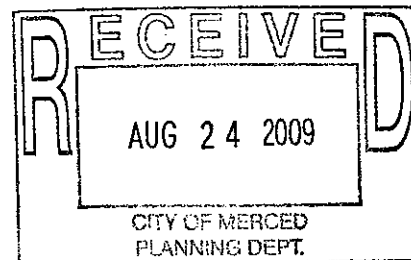
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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 3:03 PM
To: city, council
Subject: Wal Mart Vote

I live at 2499 E. Gerard Space #98, 23 years now, and I will be near the Wal Mart Center. I support it and you to vote for it. Wal Mart's trucks are an issue yes, but jobs in Merced are more important. We are a state and national leader in low wages and unemployment. We need jobs we need wage. If we disapprove Wal Mart we need to close Golden Valley HS, the new Star Bucks, Sub Way and Hotels over on Parsons and Childs area, along with the Grove Apartment complex. They have boasted traffic and pollution in the area not to mention housing built around Weaver and down by Pioneer, and where the old Star Light drive in was. So don't let anyone say traffic will be an issue, all of these have added more than Wal Mart will.

Robert L. Tussey

Espinosa, Kim

From: Lee, Nancy on behalf of planningweb
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 8:25 AM
To: Lucas, Terri
Cc: Espinosa, Kim
Subject: FW: Add to Walmart project list



Fyi, another one to add to the Walmart list.

Nancy Lee

From: Darcy Taylor [mailto:DTaylor@kleinfelder.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 4:58 PM
To: planningweb
Subject: Add to Walmart project list

Hello,
Please add my name and mailing address (below) to the Walmart project update.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Darcy A. Taylor
Regional Marketing Coordinator
California Central Valley Region
2001 Arch-Airport Road, Ste. 100
Stockton, California 95206-4943
o| 209-948-1345 ext. 4304
c| 209-649-3930
f| 209-234-4700



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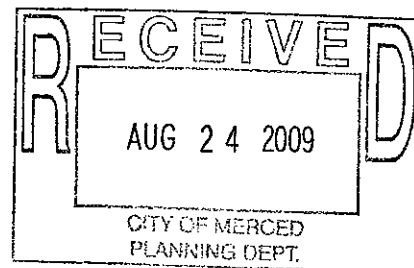
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From: Walker, Dawn on behalf of city, council
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 8:23 AM
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Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Walmart Distribution Center Project

From the website.

Dawn

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

From: Dorothy Ames [mailto:ladydorothyames@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 10:40 AM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart Distribution Center Project

After reading your goals as council persons on the city website, I hope you will SUPPORT the Walmart Distribution Center Project. Some of your goals listed can be included from your site: "Show sensitivity and awareness of community NEEDS and issues." We NEED jobs in our city and in our county. Walmart is a reputable company and they contribute to community Green and Charity. They are not a "fly by night" company. As you "respect the diversity of our community" then allow us to GET EMPLOYMENT in our community for our diversity of citizens. You state that you "Offer economic development opportunities to its citizens." then DO IT. Just do it. Allow the Walmart Distribution Center Project to develop and create jobs for the diverse citizens you strive to help and serve. Our city NEEDS the income it will bring, also. Dorothy Ames, homeowner since 1972 in Merced, CA.

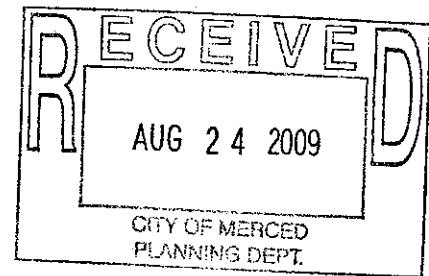
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Subject: FW: WalMart Distribution Center

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From: Labendeira, Larry **On Behalf Of** Master, Web
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 4:37 PM
To: Walker, Dawn
Subject: FW: WalMart Distribution Center

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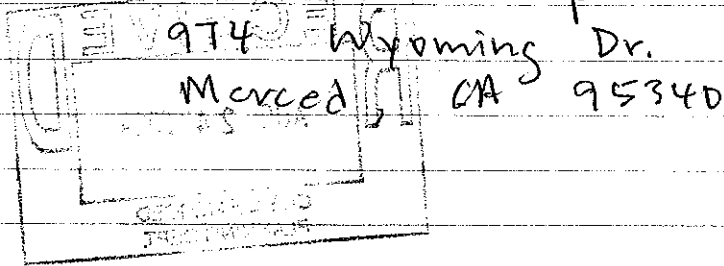
LARRY LABENDEIRA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

From: Lynn McCullick [mailto:lynnmary33@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 12:34 PM
To: Master, Web
Subject: WalMart Distribution Center

I am **for** building the WalMart Center here in Merced. We need the jobs and it would really boost this town. Thanks,

Lynn McCullick
202 E. Fir Avenue
Atwater

To: the Merced Planning Commission
From: Annette Allsup 723-5152



Aug. 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I called the Planning Commission office on Wednesday, August 19th and was assured that I could testify at the Monday, August 24th meeting. I called again on Thursday and spoke with Kim Espinoza. She said I could not testify but I would submit a letter and the Planning Commission would read it. This is my letter.

A Play (in One Act)

Scene 1 (At the Council Chambers, Merced, CA)

1st Man (testifying): We want jobs, we love Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart doesn't pollute, big trucks don't pollute.

2nd Man: The Better World Shopper Organization has rated Wal-Mart as the 3rd worst company in the world when judged in these 5 areas: human rights, the environment, animal protection, community involvement and social justice.
(Christian Century magazine 5/5/09)

Scene 2 (At the Council Chambers, Merced, CA)
(sometime later)

Planning Commission: We've decided to just ignore that last testimony. We need jobs in Merced and we'll take them at any cost.

Scene 3 (Merced, CA)
(several years later)

Planning Commission: We're glad we got the Distribution Center built. Too bad those jobs went to people from out of town.

Scene 4 (Merced, CA)
(sometime later)

Planning Commission: Ground water contamination, air pollution, excessive noise, skyrocketing asthma and other health related issues, now what? How come nobody warned us about this?

2nd man: We did try to tell you but you ignored us. You said you'd take jobs at any cost.

Scene 5 (Merced, CA)
(sometime later)

Planning Commission: I can't believe Wal-Mart pulled out of Merced and left that huge distribution center empty. Not only that, but we still have all of the pollution. It's worse than ever! Now what?

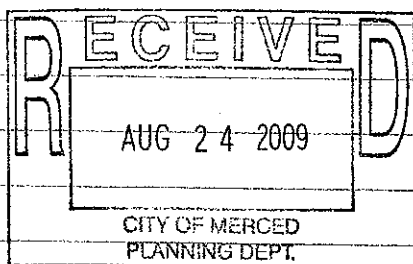
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Moral: Vote No on the proposed Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

Vote Yes on green sustainable jobs. Merced deserves it.

Annette Allsup

Annette Allsup



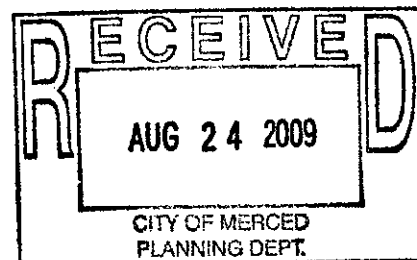
Espinosa, Kim

From: Lucas, Terri
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Espinosa, Kim; Gonzalves, David
Subject: FW: Call to Action - Planning Commission to vote on Walmart DC tonight

From: Davidson, Dana
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Lucas, Terri
Subject: FW: Call to Action - Planning Commission to vote on Walmart DC tonight

FYI...

From: The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce [mailto:info@merced-chamber.ccsend.com] **On Behalf Of** The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 10:51 AM
To: Davidson, Dana
Subject: Call to Action - Planning Commission to vote on Walmart DC tonight



The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce

August 24, 2009

Dear Chamber Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Walmart distribution center hearing last Wednesday. It was the first step to bringing 1,200 new jobs to Merced. As reported in the Merced Sun Star, the hearing continues to 6:00pm today, August 24th at City Hall.

While the planning commission will not accept any more speakers, it is very important for the community to demonstrate its support by filling the city council chambers with supporters. So, please ask your friends, family and even employees to join Monday evening for what is likely to be the last planning commission meeting.

The chamber will fill quickly, so get there early. **See you at 5:15pm Monday night.**

Thank you again for your support and demonstrating that Merced

is "Open for Business!"

Sincerely,

The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce

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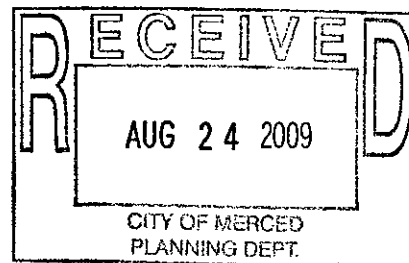
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Subject: FW: Walmart Dist. Center

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

From: Tom Brown [mailto:Alabrown@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 10:51 AM
To: city, council
Subject: Walmart Dist. Center

To all Merced City Councilmembers,

Please vote yes for the Wal-Mart project. It will help create many jobs not just for the people hired at the plant, but for the many small businesses that operate in this area. Employed people spend money! The trucks will be going down 99 whether the plant is in Merced, Turlock, Madera or Fresno.

Tom and Deanna Brown

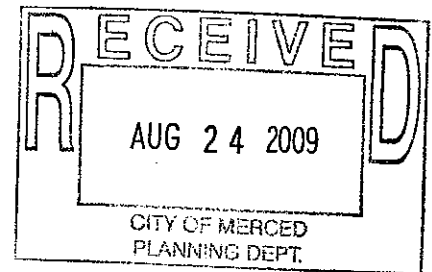
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Subject: FW: walmart

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

From: Labendeira, Larry **On Behalf Of** Master, Web
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Walker, Dawn
Subject: FW: walmart

FYI

LARRY LABENDEIRA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

From: john Angus [mailto:rjohnda@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 9:10 AM
To: Master, Web
Subject: walmart

Dear sir (s), Having lived in Europe for many years I can tell you that the pace of change here in Merced is painfully slow, the only way to kickstart growth and progression here is to embrace all positive investment into this city. In order that homes increase in value, and business owners feel more confident, I feel strongly we need to have Walmart in this city, a step towards the 21st century for Merced, don,t get left behind Merced, you can,t survive on being the gateway to yosemite forever, you should bend over backwards to bring any investment here.

8/24/2009

yours J. Angus

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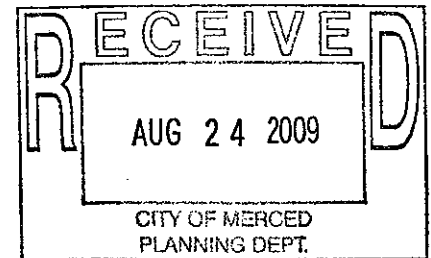
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Cc: Davidson, Dana; Quintero, Frank; Espinosa, Kim; Schechter, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Vote Yes for Walmart

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

From: Mike Malone [mailto:ceo@merco.org]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 11:56 AM
To: city, council
Subject: Vote Yes for Walmart

Please vote in favor of the Walmart Distribution Center. In addition to the 1,200 new jobs the Distribution Center will provide, please consider the following:

- 1) Many planning experts prove that for every 3 new jobs, 1 additional job is created in the service/support industry. That means the Distribution Center will also create an additional 300-400 jobs in the community (food service, dry cleaners, gas stations, teachers, nurses, retail store clerk, etc.).
- 2) We need these jobs to SUSTAIN our existing businesses. Expect many more business doors to close if we don't stop the financial bleeding.
- 3) And, as I stated in my testimony last week, if we vote no, what message are we sending to other businesses considering a move to Merced?

Mike Malone
President/CEO
MERCO Credit Union