

To the respective City of San Jose council and community members,

We are opposed to the project of having the construction of a convenience store with 24-hour operation and a car wash near our residences.

We would like the city council to consider the traffic congestion that would be caused by the addition of a car wash between Woodard Road and South Bascom Avenue. The addition of a car wash will draw more traffic to and through the neighborhoods. Residents will face problems with an increase in automobiles in the area, further delays, and the inconvenience to drop off and pick up their children from the nearby Farnham Elementary School. It doesn't take an engineer to see that there is no fix to the traffic pattern if the convenience store and car wash are permitted at Woodard Road and South Bascom Avenue. If council members would view this area, they will certainly acknowledge the increased dangers and bottleneck that will result.

With this new convenience store, the Bascom area will face an uprising in petty crime rates. Bascom is currently a quiet and safe residential area, with hardly any heinous crimes. Even so, there are a few misdemeanors of thieving that occur among the other convenience stores. The 24 hour oversized store will allow individuals an opportunity to commit more crimes during the late night hours, such as robbery, petty theft, and burglary; another reason for Bascom residents to become unsettled about. More cars, trucks, and deliveries would increase noise and be a hassle for nearby residents with the proposed project for a 24- hour convenience store. Residents will suffer the busy street noises throughout the day and night, drastically changing our normal routine, which will destroy the peacefulness that we have in our neighborhoods.

In addition, citizens will be obligated to experience more drug and alcohol abusers near their homes. As this new facility will be 24 hour operated, there will be an increased amount of night time customers trying to purchase alcoholic beverages and food, as well as other individuals to spend time around the store, thus wander the neighborhoods. With more of these unfavorable individuals around our homes, Bascom residents will feel unsafe in their own community which would disrupt and potentially harm our neighborhoods.

The proposed project to construct an additional convenience store has many blunders: one being that in a span of a one mile radius you will see that there are many other convenient stores and food markets. Adjacent to the proposed site is a well-functioning convenience store, Bascom Liquor & Food, that already provides several merchandise such as beer, wine, liquor, snacks, frozen dinners, soda, magazines, newspapers, medicine, household items, first aid kits, toys for kids etc., which is more likely than not exactly what this new store will sell. It is extremely redundant to place two indistinguishable stores within 50 feet of each other. The addition of another convenient store on South Bascom Avenue is unnecessary and uncalled for.

We beseech the city council and members to consider these issues with security and traffic as they will encroach so far into our neighborhoods and cause additional problems to our residents who are afraid will destroy the peacefulness that we have in our community.

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