

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
***Planning Division***



**DATE:** March 11, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor, Councilmembers  
Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Morgen Benevedo, Assistant Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Information for March 15, 2011  
Meeting on the Walmart Expansion Project Appeal

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The following Supplemental Information was submitted for City Council review following release of the staff report:

- Letter from Robert Cuthbert, received March 10, 2011

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Honorable Mayor Linn and Members of the City Council  
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Re: Hearing to Set the Hearing Date for City Council Review of Planning Commission Action approving the Walmart Expansion Development Plan, 2/9/11

Honorable Mayor Linn and Councilmembers:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the appellants, Citizens Against Walmart Expansion (CAWE), for the March 15 Hearing item concerning the date for your Council's consideration of CAWE's appeal.

We request May 17, 2011 to be set as the hearing date. This is necessary for us to adequately prepare and submit our appeal materials in advance of the hearing. We are an informal, completely volunteer community group and require this time to complete our study of the issues, consult with experts and professionals, and prepare for the Council a concise and cogent presentation of the issues.

This preparation period is a reasonable period of time. In a related matter, the Walmart EIR certification was denied by the Planning Commission on October 13, 2010. That appeal was set for hearing and decided January 18, 2011. Walmart had approximately three months to prepare their appeal. We are appealing the February 9, 2011 Planning Commission decision to approve the Walmart Development Plan, setting the hearing date for May 17, 2011 allows us a similar three month period to prepare.

We also face scheduling difficulties with our members and consultants, and May 17 is the first available date for our group.

Few projects in the recent history of the community will have greater and more sustained environmental, economic, and social impacts as the proposed Walmart Expansion. We know your Council will want to give complete consideration of the issues raised in this appeal, and CAWE intends to submit a detailed letter describing the argument and evidence supporting our appeal within the next month. We will then want to respond to the Staff Report, when it is released, and present to the Council a comprehensive appeal addressing all the relevant issues.

In advance, we thank you for your consideration of our request in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Cuthbert  
For Citizens Against Walmart Expansion

CC: Planning Manager Lucille Breese