



August 24, 2010

Dear Planning Commissioners,

It has come to our attention at Santa Barbara Olive Company that the Commission is considering an expansion of the Lompoc Walmart store that would feature everyday household items with the added convenience of a full-service grocery department that includes fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables and products such as ours. As a local vendor and supporter of Walmart, we support this proposal.

Santa Barbara Olive Company is a locally owned business that provides jobs to central coast residents. Walmart represents a large portion of our business. Action taken to support this proposal is action taken to support the growth of Walmart's local vendors such as our company and our ability to maintain and create new jobs in our community.

Santa Barbara Olive Company is not the only locally-based company with ties to Walmart. For example, their produce aisles are littered with names of companies with operations in our region and throughout California.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request and taking the time to understand the positive impact that Walmart has on our local economy. We respectfully request that you support their proposal before you this evening.

Sincerely,

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