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My husband and I are VERY MUCH IN FAVOR of a new Wal-Mart store in Tumwater. We love the Hawks Prairie store, but since we live in Tumwater, it would be so much more convenient to have a Wal-Mart in Tumwater. Wal-Mart has quality merchandise and very reasonable prices and we would regularly shop at a Tumwater store. We are both retired and on fixed incomes, so Wal-Mart would be a welcome addition to our community. We now regularly shop at Costco and Home Depot in Tumwater and would add Wal-Mart to the trip to one of these stores, which would save gas, money, and time. We also support Wal-Mart for the following reasons:

- a.. WAL-MART'S EVERDAY LOW PRICES SAVE WORKING FAMILIES OVER \$2,300 A YEAR PER HOUSEHOLD
- a.. A NEW WAL-MART CAN MEAN 350-450 NEW FULLTIME JOBS TO TUMWATER
- a.. A NEW WAL-MART WILL BRING SUBSTANTIAL NEW TAX REVENUE FOR THE CITY TO FURTHER FUND POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The area where the planned Wal-Mart will be located is already zoned for big-box stores and currently houses three of them--Fred Meyer, Costco, and Home Depot. Wal-Mart would fit right in and we could basically have one-stop shopping right here in Tumwater without have to go from one end of this Tri-City area to the other to do our shopping. And with today's skyrocketing gas prices, that is a very attractive deal. Let's keep the convenience and the revenue right here in Tumwater--don't make us have to continue to take our business and our money to Hawks Prairie in Lacey. Let's go for it!

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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