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Ken Yeager

Supervisor Fourth District

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Campbell City Council
70 N 1st Street
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Dear Mayor Gibbons and Members of the Campbell City Council,

I write to you to respectfully convey my serious concerns about the proposal to build an In-N-Out drive-thru restaurant at the intersection of Almarida Drive and Hamilton Avenue. As a former city councilmember, I understand that cities need to encourage commercial development in order to build a tax base to support city services. However, the location for this proposed development concerns me due to the severe traffic congestion in this area.

As I am sure you all know well, Highway 17 regularly experiences high levels of traffic congestion, which spills over on to Hamilton Avenue. During peak commute hours, drivers are often caught in traffic gridlock leading many to attempt to circumvent traffic by traveling through neighborhood streets. I fear this problem will only be worsened by the development of a drive-thru restaurant that is as famous for their long lines as their cheeseburgers at this particular site.

According to the development plans, most customers exiting from Highway 17 would likely enter the restaurant's parking lot from Hamilton Avenue. This traffic pattern would likely lead to lengthy backups blocking Almarida Drive and motorists attempting to exit Highway 17. While I understand this site was formerly occupied by a restaurant, it did not contain a drive-thru lane like this proposal. The impact of this development on an already congested corridor will affect the surrounding neighborhoods and the thousands of residents that commute along Hamilton Avenue every day. Accordingly, I encourage you to reject this development proposal in its current form.

Sincerely,


Ken Yeager
Supervisor, 4th District

