

Planned In-N-Out location in Campbell could be thwarted by traffic issues

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The proposal for what would be Campbell's first In-N-Out Burger restaurant has some residents concerned.

Some South Bay In-N-Out fans may have to wait a little longer to get their animal style fries right in town.

News of an incoming In-N-Out Burger generally is met with excitement from locals, but results of a recent study by Campbell officials have many **concerned over the planned location** for the restaurant.

It's at a very busy intersection already dealing with its own congestion woes, critics say, and a city-backed environmental impact report on the area — which includes a traffic survey — lends credence to the issue.

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That intersection at E. Hamilton Ave. and Almarida Dr. is currently scored by the city at a "**D-minus**" for the quality of its roadway, but it could be downgraded to an "F" for the excessive traffic delays it could cause if the cult-loved burger chain opens a store at this location, **499 E. Hamilton Ave.**

The location was previously occupied by the Elephant Bar Restaurant, which closed in 2016.

This proposal as it had been written included a double drive-through, big enough for 28 cars, **according to the Mercury News**. That's a big problem for some locals who believe drivers trying to get to the popular restaurant will spill into the street or back up movement on Hamilton Avenue. A revised plan has the entrance to the restaurant off Hamilton Ave.

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A total of **268 comments** have thus far been submitted to the city regarding the new location, with the apparent majority stating that although they'd love (or at least wouldn't mind) an In-N-Out opening in the city, they don't believe its current planned location is good for an already-bad traffic problem.

"We don't need an In-N-Out on that area," wrote one local named Liliana Casillas. "Traffic is already a mess there. This would just make it worse."

"I do not want an In-N-Out at this particular location," wrote a city resident named Holly Hunt. "As majority have stated, traffic is horrible for the most part!"

Currently Campbell residents have to drive to San Jose or Sunnyvale for a double-double.

The city will continue to collect comments until August 10. After the environmental impact report is fully completed in February 2019, Campbell's city planners will make a final decision.

In-N-Out's newest outpost is currently under construction on Admiral Callaghan Ln. in Vallejo.

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