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City Leaders,

We are writing with concerns about the potential project called "Camas Station" at the corner of 16th and Brady Road in Camas. There are several concerns that this project brings up and we hope the city rejects the application to allow this project to be built.

The first is why would the city planning department allow a "gas station" to be placed across the street from an elementary school and in a residential area. This seems like it may have be a potentially a violation of city planning. There are safety concerns with having an active commercial center so close to a school and neighborhoods. As well, there doesn't seem to be any precedent in the city of Camas for placing a gas station and or coffee drive thru across the street from our schools.

Second, the current traffic surrounding Prune Hill elementary school is currently maxed out especially at the start and finish of school. The developer, who we assume doesn't live in the area will not be affected by any added traffic from a gas station, convenience store, retail shops, and coffee drive thru. This at best would be very poor city planning to approved this project and at worst an example of the city of Camas and it's administrators choosing money over the quality of life for its residents and kids. We believe the city planners and developer would be hard pressed to show us any community desire for this type of development in our neighborhood.

Third and most importantly, we are concerned about the growing body of research and possible health concerns linked to "gas stations" and the neurotoxins that they introduce into the areas that surround them. As the city is well aware Prune Hill Elementary is within 300-500 feet of the purposed development. Our kids play outside during recess and of course will be affected by the toxins emitted by an active gas station. The possibility that this type of development could affect our kids negatively should lead our planners and city government to reject this use of the land.

We hope that our concerns don't fall on deaf ears as this is about our quality of life as citizens and the safety of our kids and not about making another exception for developers in Camas.

Please reject the building application.

Thank you,

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