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Subject: We need to check our blind spot - Camas Station is dangerous to kids

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I am strongly opposed to the Camas Station development at 16th and Brady Road in Camas.

I am the father of two students at Prune Hill Elementary School. Every morning we walk from our home in Parker Estates, up the Brady Road incline, crossing Brady at 16th with the aid of Miss Kim, our extraordinary crossing guard.

That intersection is already a disaster on weekday mornings. We routinely see people speeding (in a marked School Zone, no less), turning right on red with pedestrians present, blasting through yellow or red lights. Traffic from school drop-off routinely backs up into the intersection, temporarily grid-locking the intersection until some upstanding citizen holds at the stop line.

Adding a 12 pump gas station with coffee vendor and car wash will be a disaster for this intersection. Prune Hill was meant to be a walkable school, where the bulk of students would make their commute by foot. Attracting more vehicles into this area is just irresponsible to our children.

Additionally, we are making this decision at a time of unprecedented vehicle size growth. Today's F-250 SuperDuty has a hood height of 55 inches; the Jeep Gladiator, 45.5 inches. These common vehicles have a blind spot in front larger than most of the kids who attend Prune Hill.

It will be exceptionally easy for drivers of such vehicles to take a sip from their beverage, or check their phone, or even check traffic, missing the fact that a child has totally disappeared from their field of vision in front of their vehicle.

This committee can't regulate large vehicles or improve driver distraction, but it can say no to an obviously dangerous project which is clearly not in the interests of local neighborhoods.

Thank you -

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