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Hello All,

I'm writing to let you know that the majority of the Prune Hill neighborhood and those families attending Prune Hill Elementary are vehemently AGAINST a gas station and convenience store right next to PHE. Here are the following reasons, clearly stated:

—A gas station would increase pollution and fire risk near PHE. In addition, do you really think it's a good idea to have highly flammable gases both next to an elementary school AND near expensive brand new city property (water tank)? If there was a catastrophic event, how would students be evacuated? Would there be time? How fast could fire crews control a problem? What else is nearby (businesses, residents) that could be at risk if there was spread? This is an emergency management nightmare.

—The sale of alcohol and tobacco directly across from a school is preposterous. This isn't the type of behavior our community stands for. It shouldn't even be under consideration. Period.

—Pick up/Drop off at PHE is chaotic today and already requires multiple school officials to direct traffic in order to ensure the safety of students and particularly those on bikes or walking. Traffic to a gas station would only enhance the safety risks.

—Crime in and around gas stations is a fixture, bottom line. Folks who own other gas stations in and around Camas have mentioned they require a police presence at the gas station weekly if not more. Please, do not invite this type of loitering or crime to our area. If you are skeptical, please seek out data from local station owners.

—This is a risk to school safety. We've already had incidents at PHE and other local Camas schools involving suspicious adults approaching children. The nation is up in arms about student safety because of gun violence. Why invite those who aren't a part of our community or parents at PHE in to our neighborhood? This could pose a serious safety risk for our elementary students, who are as young as FIVE.

Guys, we can do better than this. Please, as you consider this decision, look back at the future plan, mission and vision statement you have so carefully crafted for our community. Think about the values that Camas stands for. This simply does not fit.

There are plenty of options for gas in and around our area.

Thank you for reading. Best—Kelly Perkins (mom of two current PHE students)