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From: robertlsullivan@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 2:22 PM
To: Lauren Hollenbeck; Community Development Email
Subject: Reject Camas Station - Do Not Endanger Our School Children with Traffic Hazards and Carcinogens - Re: Camas Station

Please accept my revised Subject/Comment regarding Camas Station.

Dear Lauren Hollenbeck and City of Camas
 communitydevelopment@cityofcamas.us

Regarding Camas Station (Gas Station) near Prune Hill Elementary School

The EPA School Siting Guidelines recommend gas stations be at a minimum of 1,000 feet from schools to be considered safe. The East wind would carry gasoline vapors directly towards Prune Hill Elementary which is closer to 300 feet from the proposed Camas Station. The fuel tanks and fueling island being in the quadrant closest to the school.

Gasoline vapors emitted during pumping contain benzene, a well-established human carcinogen linked to hormonal disorders, fertility issues, lung cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and several forms of leukemia. Because the health risk of low-level benzene exposure is not yet clearly established, exposure should be avoided as much as possible. Benzene is a genotoxic carcinogen in humans and no safe level of exposure can be recommended.

Additional environmental and health concerns exist with minor spills, leaks and runoff contaminating ground water.

Gas stations are environmental liabilities and hugely expensive to remediate. Electric cars are making gas stations obsolete. Washington State passed "Move Ahead Washington," a climate change bill with a goal of selling exclusively electric vehicles by 2030. California planning to mandate all new car sales be electric by 2035. Cities like Petaluma, California have begun banning new gas stations.

The gas station and convenience store's location across the street from the school will have traffic implications during the already high traffic school drop off and pickup times.

Families have moved to Camas for the highly rated schools. The location of the proposed Camas Station will lessen the desirability of Prune Hill Elementary and diminish property values.

Prune Hill Elementary has 500 children in grades K-5. Children could spend 6 years downwind of the gas station, putting them at higher risk of disease.

Thank you,

Robert Sullivan
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Hollenbeck <LHollenbeck@cityofcamas.us>
 To: robertlsullivan@aol.com <robertlsullivan@aol.com>
 Sent: Fri, Jun 24, 2022 3:59 pm
 Subject: RE: Camas Station

Hello Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you for submitting your public comment for the Camas Station development proposal and will be included as part of the record. A notice of public hearing will be mailed to you as an interested party of record.

Respectfully,

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From: ROBERT SULLIVAN <robertsullivan@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:14 AM

To: Community Development Email <communitydevelopment@cityofcamas.us>

Subject: Camas Station

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Dear Lauren Hollenbeck and City of Camas,

I am concerned with a carcinogen emitting gas station being sited adjacent to an elementary school. I have two young children, the first to start kindergarten at Prune Hill elementary this year. The East wind will carry benzene directly toward the school. Also note that the high traffic pattern specific to school drop of and pick up the will be adversely affected by fueling cars on their way to work. The road is also congested during sport practices in the park. Thank you for your time. Please advise if a public hearing has been scheduled.

Robert Sullivan
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