

**Moore, Janis**

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**From:** Marie Rogers [marie.rogers@apics-west.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011 12:55 PM  
**To:** Moore, Janis  
**Subject:** File Number PDC10-006

Dear Janis Moore,

**Re: Proposed Development Rezoning File Number PDC10-006**

I am just appalled at this proposal. This area in question is already overloaded with commercial sites and traffic and congestion. As a permanent resident of this area, San Jose: Almaden and Blossom Hill, I witness daily the growing traffic. It is always a struggle for parking spots and sitting in traffic jams. I am horrified that you would even consider adding to these problems.

In addition, more and more greenery is being cut down and eradicated because the area cannot support its own environment. Who is to be responsible for adding more toxins to the air? We, the residents, have to live in it and breathe it every day.

In the complex where I live, there are dozens of units already empty as a result of the plunge in real estate. There is plenty of real estate for sale and/or lease in this area, with many units sitting empty for a long time. **DO WE REALLY NEED MORE COMMERCIAL SPACE???**

I strongly oppose this proposal for more concrete and the destruction to more of our natural environment.

Yours truly,

**Marie Rogers, Office Manager**  
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**From:** Darya Gol [crewitivity@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2011 10:07 PM  
**To:** Davidson, John; Prevetti, Laurel; Moore, Janis  
**Cc:** letters@mercurynew.com; jeanne@timesmediainc.com  
**Subject:** Please don't destroy our neighborhood

Dear Mr. Davidson, Ms. Prevetti and Ms. Moore,

Recently we have been informed of the proposal of the development of Walmart in the Almaden-Cherry neighborhood. As you know, this area is already populated with many major stores including but not limited to, wholefoods, Costco, Best Buy as well as many other smaller stores in the Almaden Shopping center. Also, Oakridge Mall is only a few blocks away from Almaden Expressway and includes Macy's, Target and Sears which in my opinion provides the residents with enough shopping options.

85 is the only freeway on this part of Almaden expressway that the residents have access to, and as you know, the proposed development site is right on the exit of 85 and Almaden. The traffic in this section of Almaden is extremely bad and we have been observing worse traffic as a result of the opening of bigger stores such as whole foods. Opening Walmart in this area will only make matters worse!

With the already long commutes to and from work during rush hour, the last thing we would like to see is more traffic, more pollution, more city like environment and less quality of life for the residents.

Please keep Almaden beautiful by keeping Walmart out.

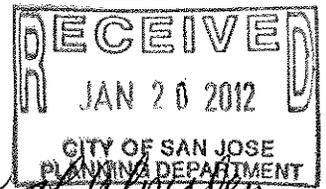
Almaden residents  
The Gol Family

1/25/2012

File: PDC10-006

1065 Foxchase Dr  
San Jose, Ca 95123  
January 18, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,



I am a resident of the Vineyards of Almaden.  
I am extremely concerned for my health and safety, my property, its value and access.

Many children live on our street with little place to play, so they spill out into the street. Dogs and other pets have been bit on Almaden.

With the increased population, the residents are denied access to Almaden Expressway North (on a regular weekly basis) from Foxchase.

1. During the weekday morning commute
2. Most all day Saturdays due to the heavy shopping traffic in the area
3. Due to the backlog of cars from Almaden Valley in the right lane. This is caused by the large number of cars both from Blossom Hill Road and on Northbound Almaden Expressway.

The 50 MPH limit becomes life threatening. There are too many cars in this dangerous intersection already.

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I am further concerned about the air quality in our area. Are you exposing us to poorer air quality, increased smog and the probability of us not being able to use our fireplaces?

With the increased population going to Ranch Almaden on Sanchez Drive, how are we going to get out of our homes?  
Enumerating:

1. the cars, no matter how many lanes turning North onto Almaden Expressway from Blossom Hill Road by Whole Foods, block us from getting out.

2. the cars from Almaden Valley also block the lane completely.

3. cars from the service station add to the confusion.

4. cars not signalling a lane change, crossing the solid line and accelerating to the new 50 MPH speed limit and Ranch Almaden will only exacerbate the situation.

When we try to pull out, thinking it's clear and safe on Almaden we are suddenly confronted with 2-3 or 4 cars blocking our exit. (no signal)

With Ranch Almoder, the traffic on Sanchez Drive will be increased allowing multitudinous cars to take short cuts. They will all pile up on Foxchase Drive, with us waiting to enter Almoder. They will cause congestion (since there is no light there) on our street and into our neighborhood. I especially fear for the children who have no place to play and are near the street. Our street, Foxchase Drive, is all high density housing, of apartments and condominiums. Lots of people and cars at all times. We have no place to park now. What are we going to do with this extra traffic?

- I would like to know what you're going to do to
- ensure we have adequate access to Almoder Expressway in a timely manner
  - ensure Fire Department, maintenance equipment and Police may reach us in a time of need.
  - prevent our increasing danger for pedestrians in the area
  - protect our children
  - reduce the noise level, especially the night time noises when trying to sleep

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I am suggesting the following:

- a stop light be installed on Sanchez Drive intersecting with Foxchase Drive.
- the bus stop be moved south by Chile's & U.S. Bank to help eliminate some confusion and noise on this dangerous corner & intersection.

This will also protect businesses so near the bus stop.

Recently (approximately 3:00 PM 1/18/2012) the Fire Department truck, trying to use Foxchase Drive from Sanchez Drive to Almaden Expressway North was blocked by heavy, piled up traffic.

I anxiously await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Virginia Daylon  
1065 Foxchase Drive  
San Jose, CA 95123-1110

\* If you wish to coordinate efforts with spokespersons at The Vineyards of Almaden, please contact the President/Board of Directors. Thank you.



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *of* PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



KEN ALEX  
DIRECTOR

January 19, 2012

Janis Moore  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

Subject: Almaden/Chynoweth Retail Center Planned Development Rezoning (File No. PDC10-006)  
SCH#: 1997062105

Dear Janis Moore:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Subsequent EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on January 18, 2012, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 1997062105  
**Project Title** Almaden/Chynoweth Retail Center Planned Development Rezoning (File No. PDC10-006)  
**Lead Agency** San Jose, City of

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**Type** SBE Subsequent EIR  
**Description** Planned Development Rezoning to A (PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow the development up to a maximum of 400,000 sf of commercial development on an ~ 43 gross acre site, with construction of an extension to Cherry Avenue through the site to connect with Sanchez Drive to the south. The 2nd Amendment includes comments and responses to comments regarding urban decay, water supply, planting in proximity to a creek, and General Plan consistency.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

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**Agency** City of San Jose  
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**email**  
**Address** 200 East Santa Clara Street  
**City** San Jose **State** CA **Zip** 95113-1905

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**Project Location**

**County** Santa Clara  
**City** San Jose  
**Region**  
**Lat / Long** 37° 15' 30" N / 121° 52' 19" W  
**Cross Streets** State Route 85 and Almaden Expwy  
**Parcel No.** 458-16-032;458-17-006,-017,-018  
**Township** **Range** **Section** **Base**

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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** Hwy 85, 87, 280  
**Airports**  
**Railways** Light Rail  
**Waterways** Guadalupe River  
**Schools** San Jose Unified School District  
**Land Use** Vacant and agricultural/A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District (residential and/or commercial uses) (previous EIR for PDC96-011)/General Commercial and High Density Residential (25-50 DU/AC)

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**Project Issues** Traffic/Circulation; Other Issues; Water Supply; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Department of Parks and Recreation; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Resources, Recycling and Recovery

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**Date Received** 12/05/2011 **Start of Review** 12/05/2011 **End of Review** 01/18/2012

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January 20, 2012

City of San Jose  
Department of Planning and Building  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Attention: Janis Moore

Subject: City File No. PDC10-006 / Almaden Ranch Retail

Dear Ms. Moore:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) staff have reviewed the Second Amendment to the Draft SEIR for the Almaden Ranch Retail Center project. We have no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 321-5784.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Molseed", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Roy Molseed  
Senior Environmental Planner