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Subject: [External] The proposal of a 7-11 at Alessandro and Mission Grove Pkwy

Dear Mayor and Councilman,

I have lived in the Mission Grove area since 1999, and it is a beautiful place and one of pride. Riverside prides itself as a "City of Art and Innovation." Our City Council should be focusing on building a healthy, sustainable economy that enhances our communities and provides good paying jobs. A convenience store on every corner is the opposite of that.

The idea of a 7-11 at the corner of Alessandro and Mission Grove Prky is not innovative or beneficial for our community. It is low-class/unrefined and cannot be allowed to be built there nor anything similar to it. We already have two gas stations/convenience stores at that intersection, and another a block east. This is quick, cheap revenue for the city at our expense. There is no doubt this will negatively impact our neighborhood. What the city should be doing is revitalizing the Mission Grove Shopping Center, not succumbing to the "easy money" of a convenience store.

I understand that they (KA Enterprises) promised enhanced security for people who expressed concerns about vagrancy. That might be a reasonable idea, but a security guard with little to no authority does not make any of us feel secure. They have no police powers or authority. The only thing they offer is a uniform.

Another issue---The developers can do nothing to control the impact on traffic congestion. Currently, something is happening at the former location of the Western Municipal Water District. Word is that it is a "medical ops" place? We still don't know. What we do know is that it will create more traffic at that intersection.

The City Council has the power to stop this. We wish to let you know this is NOT what we want in our neighborhood. I am speaking on behalf of all of my neighbors! Not a single one wants a 7-11 or likeness at the intersection. We need to beautify and revitalize our community!

Thank you for listening and considering,

Maria Crombie

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