

City of Pasadena Planning Department,

This letter is in regards to the proposed CAR WASH at 2030 E. Colorado Blvd. at the corner of Colorado and S. San Marino Ave.

As a Pasadena resident who lives on S. San Marino Ave. between Colorado and Del Mar, I beg you, please do not approve this development. First of all, Pasadena doesn't need yet ANOTHER car wash in the Mid-Central area of the City. Are you aware that there are already SEVEN car washes just between Hill Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. and north from Colorado to the 210 Freeway? In fact, the biggest and busiest is the Fast 5 Xpress Car Wash which is LESS THAN 2,600 FEET from this proposed location! The City needs yet another massive automated car wash so close to another? C'mon...

My major fear of allowing this business at the head of a totally residential street is this: have you ever watched people speed out of an automatic car wash to shake the water off their car? Go stand in the parking lot of the Walgreens next to the Fast 5 Xpress at Sierra Madre Blvd. – I can't tell you how many times walking into Walgreens I've almost been hit by people speeding through the adjacent lot to try and get their car dry. Or go stand on Colorado and watch them tear off down Colorado to dry off their vehicle.

If you allow this new Automated Car Wash to open you'll be sending an armada of speeding cars down South San Marino. THIS ISN'T FAIR. We already have to deal with test drivers tearing ass down our street from the Crown City Motors used car lot, Rusnak's Volvo dealership, all the smaller auto sales lots here in what's become Auto Sales Central and the uncaring customers who already speed up and down South San Marino to frequent the Liquor Mart on Colorado. We have kids and dogs and loads of pedestrians on our street and don't need or want a constant stream of speeders adding to the danger.

And this doesn't even begin to deal with the NOISE that 30 (THIRTY?!?!?) vacuum stations will cause for my neighbors closer to Colorado.

To be blunt, in the 12 years I've lived on S. San Marino it's become sadly clear that the City doesn't seem to give a good Goddamn about this stretch of Pasadena. It's become one of the most unsightly on all of Colorado. And you know why? Because until this recent election, City leaders have been installed who cared more about placating developers than the quality of life for the residents.

But if you decide that you don't give a damn about the residents in your City and only want the tax dollars, at least do us two favors: #1.) don't approve the project unless you can demand that there be no ingress or egress from their property via S. San Marino Ave. All traffic should come and go via Colorado. That, at least, will keep some cars off our street. And #2: install SPEED HUMPS up and down S. San Marino Ave. to thwart the speeders who will be coming directly from their business. And make the owner of the proposed car wash pay for the installation of these speed humps.

But the only real solution here is to not allow the construction of yet another automotive business that's going to negatively impact your residents.

I thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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