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The Poway candidates who oppose Wal-Mart

I have some questions about why some people so passionately disapprove of Wal-Mart and their plans to sell groceries in Poway. I know Wal-Mart's motives must be sinister but I just don't know why.

Why are City Council candidates Roger Willoughby, Pete Babich, Dave Grosch and Howard Collins so vocal and emotional about their opposition to the expansion? It couldn't be because of environmental factors because that report is yet to be released. Is it because they have a low opinion of the people who work and shop there?

Will these same candidates recuse themselves from voting on the issue, because it is common knowledge and public record they will vote against the expansion regardless of environmental impact? Should any of them be elected, will the city attorney and/or Wal-Mart sue to enforce their exclusion? If you vote for one of them because of this one issue will your vote be wasted if they have to be recused?

Why would a candidate be so opposed to Wal-Mart that he would disparage the cities of Santee, Oceanside, Chula Vista and El Cajon, and the thousands of hard-working and law-abiding citizens who live there, because these cities have approved Wal-Mart supercenters?

If Wal-Mart is such an unscrupulous and unfair competitor, why is Walgreens building a million-dollar store practically in the Wal-Mart parking lot?

Why do multibillion-dollar companies such as Albertsons, Stator Brothers and Von's need protection from competition?

Why was there not a strong campaign against the opening of Costco in Poway when it was certain that it would take significant business away from local markets?

Why does one's criticism of Wal-Mart overwhelm the compassion for lower income families who want to shop at Wal-Mart and realize savings that are a significant part of their disposable income?

Why does Wal-Mart always have more job applicants than openings? Why does it have many employees who have worked there for years?

Why is only Wal-Mart criticized for buying Chinese and foreign goods when all of its competitors do the same?

Why does Wal-Mart generously give back to the community during stressful and catastrophic times such as during and after the firestorms?

Why are people so concerned about an increase in Poway traffic when they will tolerate going to the Westfield Mall on weekends and holidays and spend 15 to 20 minutes just getting into the area and finding a parking space?

Why do many Wal-Mart objectors living in east and north Poway shop at markets, stores and restaurants in Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain Ranch and the Westfield Mall, giving their tax dollars to San Diego and Escondido?

Why does Wal-Mart allow RV travelers to park overnight on their premises?

Unless I get a good logical reason not to, I will support the expansion. I will base my vote for City Council on a wide range of issues, not just this one factor. I hope everyone else does the same.

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