

**From:** [Puente, Robert](#)  
**To:** [Connelly, Kristin D.](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sam's Club  
**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 1:40:32 PM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:30 PM  
**To:** Wagoner, Rachel L; Puente, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Sam's Club

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From: Wagoner, Rachel L  
Sent: Tue 6/10/2014 1:34 PM  
To: [rpunte@milwaukee.gov](mailto:rpunte@milwaukee.gov)  
Subject: FW: Sam's Club

I am writing in regards to this previous email that I had sent, as well as the Journal Sentinel article that claims, "The closest homes to the proposed Sam's Club site are over one mile away."

My neighbors and I live less than ONE HALF MILE from this proposed site! I am very concerned about that lack of information or rather incorrect information that is being disseminated about this proposed project.

I also am very disappointed at the lack of response from Alderman Puente in regards to my initial email, as well as the lack of information being given to the residents of our neighborhood!

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From: Wagoner, Rachel L  
Sent: Fri 5/16/2014 8:42 AM  
To: [rpunte@milwaukee.gov](mailto:rpunte@milwaukee.gov)  
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Subject: Sam's Club

Dear Alderman Puente,

I am extremely distressed at the news of the possibility of a Sam's Club being constructed on the corner of 124th and Bradley Road. Not once in your district newsletters have you mentioned the possibility of construction of anything on that lot.

My concerns, and those of my neighbors, are many! We have already seen an enormous increase in traffic, including trucking, down Bradley Road due to the building of Woodman's. There has also been an increased number of traffic accidents at the corner of 124th and Bradley as well as traffic delays and back ups leading onto the on ramps for Hwy 45. Living at the intersection of 111th and Bradley Road, we not only have the increased traffic from Woodman's but that from Wells Fargo as well. At this point, it is already difficult to exit safely from our driveway, as traffic is congested along the roadway. We have even had a car run up into our front yard as a result of an accident.

Our other concern lies in the fact that there are NUMEROUS empty buildings in the 9th District that would be more than suitable for a retail facility of this magnitude. Not to mention the fact that the move from the Sam's Club location off of 76th and Calumet would leave another vacant building in our district.

With the purchase of the former Northridge site by Penzy's, and the possible revitalization of that area, it would make perfect sense for the Walmart Corporation to utilize the structure (former Walmart) they already have in place off of 76th and Brown Deer Road. There is also the option of the former Kohl's strip mall and the former Stein Mart location that have sat vacant for many years now. In addition to those locations, there are also numerous out lots on the Northridge property, including the vacant Aldi's location and the Dunham's store that recently closed.

My husband and I are both City of Milwaukee employees who have decided to stay in the city, regardless of the residency clause being lifted. We have invested in our community and continue to pay higher property taxes to stay in our home, however, this construction will definitely be a deciding factor in influencing us to move out of the city.

The area in which they propose to build is one of the few beautiful city parks, Dretzka, that this city has left. It is utilized by not only golfers, but those who enjoy disc golf, walking, running, biking and other outdoor activities. The natural animal activity in this area is both beautiful and adds to the charm of the 9th district. To build another retail facility, directly across from the Woodman's location and in direct contact with the Dretzka property is both irresponsible and detrimental to our community. In fact, I am a former Sam's Club member, who discontinued my membership due to finding better prices at Woodman's as well as the known fact that the government has to subsidize the wages of Walton Company employees due to their hiring and salary practices.

I truly believe that if we want the Northwest side of Milwaukee to return to it's former glory and prosperity, we need to utilize the vacant buildings that overpopulate our area. For the Walmart Corporation to build another facility, that is visually unappealing (as Sam's Clubs are) and that will lay vacant in a few years time (similar to their former facility on 124th and Brown Deer in Menomonee Falls, just blocks from where they want to build now), is completely ill-considered.

Sincerely,

Rachel Wagoner

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