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Proposed Arco / Car Wash & Dryers: El Dorado Hills

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To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors – please distribute to the Supervisors.

Re.: Proposed ARCO gas station, mini-mart and car wash at Green Valley / Sophia Parkway in El Dorado Hills

Dear Supervisors,

I reside at 3123 Corsica Drive in El Dorado Hills. All of the bedrooms and decks of my home open out to the hills just above the proposed Arco development.

While I realize that this parcel has been zoned for commercial development, and understand that a developer / operator has the right to build and operate a business at this location, I am concerned, that this development is being designed to consistently violate county noise standards by placing a car wash with blowers in the base of a natural bowl below our neighborhood.

The development's design plan stipulates that the considerable noise from these blowers will remain within legal limits due to 1) a 4 foot sound wall and 2) doors which will close during wash cycles. We should all be able agree that a small wall will be completely ineffective in reducing noise to the many homes that are located well above the proposed development.

As such, can you please provide guidance to the following few questions regarding the car wash blowers and doors:

1. If automatic doors are to be installed that will deliver consistent noise reduction, there must be a number of local examples where they are in operation. Can you please advise the location(s) where you confirmed that this design is effective in keeping the resulting noise within legal limits?
2. Can you please confirm that if the doors are not closed, the blowers will not operate?
3. When the operator does not keep the doors effectively closed throughout blower operation and noise level violations occur, which Supervisor will be handling this issue?
4. Even with doors closed, the operation will be noisy (consider your neighbor operating a leaf blower with his garage door closed) what are the proposed operating hours of the car wash and blower? 8am to 8pm would appear reasonable for the business while also allowing our kids to sleep.

The car wash will also generate noise emanating from those vehicles waiting for their turn to enter the wash. This will be a problem which cannot be mitigated by doors or walls. Here is a link to a brief (30 second) video which provides a glimpse of our fate, should you approve this car wash: Daly City Chevron car wash violating city noise laws



Daly City Chevron car wash violating city noise laws

Chevron Carwash at 410 Hickey Blvd in Daly City violating city noise laws.

What do you hear? Car wash blowers and booming stereo bass – which will drone on for lengthy periods of time if a car is waiting through several wash cycles.

There are numerous YouTube videos available that are posted by neighbors suffering from car wash noise – with or without automated doors. Please do not permit our neighborhood to be subjected to a new business which has been designed to violate county noise ordinance. If we must have a mini-mart and gas station on both sides of Green Valley / Sophia, please do so without adding a car wash and blowers into the mix.

Thank you,

Steve McClaine

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