

Stop Heights Walmart

An Initiative by the Non-Profit Org **Responsible Urban Development for Houston**

Super Neighborhoods not Supercenters

The Petition Whereas:

1. A proposed Walmart Supercenter development to occur on the plot of land located in Houston's West End, on the corner of Yale and Koehler Street, bordered by Bonner Street on the West, and RR Tracks to the south; and
2. No hard development information is currently being released. Leaks from the property owner, Ainbinder, suggest that the proposed development would be a 24-hour Supercenter would be approximately 155,000 square feet and include a minimum of 685 parking spots. The catchment area for a Walmart Supercenter extends in a 5+ mile radius which includes Rice Military, The Heights, and the greater portion of Super Neighborhood 22 and Super Neighborhood 15; and
3. Potential infrastructure changes would include widening and re-paving Center, Bonner and Koehler and of Yale (south of I10); and
4. Walmart Supercenters generate, on average, 10,000 car trips and 7-9 semi-truck trailer deliveries on a daily basis. This additional traffic will flow into The Heights via the upgraded off-ramp at I10 and crossing the Heights through our residential streets, Yale, Heights Boulevard and will likely push overflow, commuter and retail traffic onto Studewood. These streets were never intended to service a business of this size; and
5. Any such store of this magnitude catering to a region-wide market will have a profound detrimental effect on the surrounding residential community and its schools, including substantially increased traffic and decreased residential property values, and incur great harm to established businesses in The Heights and the West End; and
6. There have been reports that the City may be offering tax incentives to the land-owner that are extended to the purchaser of the land. These potential tax incentives are not offered to other local, home-grown area businesses. We oppose offering tax incentives to one of the world's largest corporations; and

We, the undersigned being greatly alarmed about the short- and long-term implications of this inappropriately located retail development on our community request the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston represent their constituents in supporting appropriately-scaled retail businesses for this and other area sites to protect our urban community against big box retailers and suburban sprawl.

TO JOIN OUR COALITION OF AREA RESIDENTS & THE NEWLY FOUNDED NON-PROFIT ORG:

Responsible Urban Development for Houston

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