

WAL-MART: NOT IN OUR TOWN!

Wal-Mart plans on building a 223,000 square foot store with a 1000 car parking lot on Bishop Blvd. in Pullman. Oppose their plan for the following reasons:

PROXIMITY

- There is already a Wal-Mart 8 miles away in Moscow, ID.
- We can't handle the traffic: Wal-Mart estimates that the new store would generate over 11,700 new car trips in Pullman per day. The store would also produce noise, light and other pollution.

WAL-MART'S PRICES AREN'T LOWER!

- When Wal-Mart first enters town they undercut the prices of local retailers. Once the local businesses go under, Wal-Mart prices start to drift upward.
- Former Wal-Mart managers have stated publicly that Wal-Mart prices are not lower.

WAL-MART ABUSES YOUR TAX DOLLARS!

- Half of Wal-Mart's 720,000 U.S. employees qualify for food stamps.
- Part-time employees wait 2 years to become "eligible" to participate in the Wal-Mart healthcare plan—yet only 40% of all employees can afford it. Unless the employee has other coverage, healthcare is usually paid for by the government.
- California taxpayers subsidized \$20.5 million worth of medical care for Wal-Mart workers in one year.

WAL-MART HURTS THE LOCAL ECONOMY!

- For every 2 Wal-Mart jobs created, 3 local jobs disappear.
- When a new Wal-Mart Superstore opens an average of 2 local grocery stores go out of business.
- Median income for employees is \$12,000. National median income is \$25,000+.
- When you shop at local businesses your dollars circulate at least 5 times through the local economy. When you shop at Wal-Mart your dollars go to Arkansas.

WAL-MART DISCRIMINATES!

- Wal-Mart has threatened and penalized employees attempting involvement in unions.
- Wal-Mart has the largest class action civil lawsuit in U.S. history pending against it for discriminating against 1.6 million U.S. women employees.
- Average time for a woman to be promoted assistant manager: 4.38 years; the average time for a man: 2.86 years.

WAL-MART USES SWEATSHOP LABOR!

- Some of Wal-Mart's garments carrying a "Made in the USA" label are made in sweatshops in Saipan—a U.S. territory not subject to labor laws.
- Women in El Salvador who make pants for Wal-Mart earn 15 cents a pair; Wal-Mart sells those same pants for \$16.95 in the U.S. Contractors in El Salvador require women workers to take pregnancy tests.
- 65,000 Minnesota Wal-Mart employees filed suit for being forced to work off the clock.
- The Maine Department of Labor ordered Wal-Mart to pay the largest fine in state history for violating child labor laws. The Dept. of Labor discovered 1,436 child labor law infractions at 20 Wal-Mart stores.

Help with the Anti-Wal-Mart Campaign!

Pullman Alliance for Responsible Development meetings are held every Thursday at 7pm at the Community Congregational Church/UCC meeting room.

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