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Hi,

I cannot attend the meeting but would like to voice my opinion. We have Walmart stores within easy driving distance of Yelm and there is no reason whatsoever for another store in Yelm itself. It would totally change the small town feel of Yelm and Yelm is a small town with family run businesses all relying on local trade. I have lived in Arizona where a Walmart came in (Cottonwood) and the town was destroyed - all the small shops closed down due to loss of trade. The traffic issue is very important too and I feel this large store would create a lot of problems - the traffic is a big issue now at certain times of the day. Lets keep Yelm the way it is and encourage small businesses to develop and thrive - we have to look after them first. Yours eleanor israel

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