

Lee Scott, CEO
Wal-Mart
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Dear Mr. Scott,

Recently Wal-Mart announced that it will be reducing the number of Supercenters it plans to open. I am writing to ask that the Supercenter planned for Northcross Mall in Austin, Texas, be added to those that your company forgoes opening.

Thousands of us who live and own property and businesses in the Northcross Mall area do not want a Wal-Mart Supercenter at this location. The size of a Supercenter is out of scale for this area and is incompatible with the residential areas that surround it. It will draw an amount of traffic that will overwhelm both the major and neighborhood streets in the area. It will damage the environment, increase crime and lower our quality of life. And it is part of a redevelopment plan whose fundamental character is out of step with how Austinites hope to see our city grow.

Because Wal-Mart has refused to listen to neighborhood concerns so far, many of us are participating in a citywide boycott of all Wal-Mart and Sam's Warehouse stores until your company abandons its plans to locate at Northcross Mall. In addition, a neighborhood group called Responsible Growth for Northcross is currently pursuing a lawsuit against the City of Austin and the Northcross Mall developer to prevent the Supercenter from being constructed. My neighbors and I are donating our hard-earned dollars to ensure the success of this lawsuit and to protect our neighborhoods.

We intend to fight for our quality of life for as long as it takes. But we hope you will heed the words of Sam Walton, who said his company would never force itself on a community that didn't welcome it. A Wal-Mart Supercenter is not welcome in my neighborhood. I ask that you do the right thing and direct your company to cancel plans to build a Supercenter at Northcross Mall.

Sincerely,