

From: [Dave Jordahl](#)
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 3:44 PM
Subject: Hwy 16 development

Council Members: I have followed the various newspaper accounts of the meetings regarding the Hwy 16 South development, particularly regarding the Super Wal Mart and the plan for 300 homes on 120 acres. I have also seen the reports "that it only seems like 6 or 8 families are concerned". I believe there are a lot more concerned who don't take the time to voice their thoughts. We moved back to the area 3 years ago and live south of there in Pennington Co. I drive Neck Yoke to 16 daily to work and am very concerned by the amount of traffic that would be added. I have already seen traffic increase from the new homes off Neck Yoke and especially Coyote Flats. Just last week, signs went up there for 18 more homes on 180 acres thru Hart Ranch Development. These will also flow daily onto 16. During the 10 years we were gone, we vacationed here almost every summer. We were dismayed by the number of houses in rural areas being built on 2- 5 acre pieces and the impact that has on land that is relatively fragile compared to urban sites closer to Rapid. I think that 300 houses on Hwy 16 would not only cause traffic problems but erosion and safety issues for kids and dogs, being located next to a major tourist route [and it seems like very few people observe the speed limits there]. I'd rather see you approve that type of development along the new 5 th street corridor contiguous to current housing. If you do go forward with Hwy 16, please consider a more reasonable density eg one home per 10 or even 5 acres. And, finally, I don't think it's a hardship to drive thru town to get to Wal Mart, Target, or K Mart. Please don't approve major commercial development along that section. Don't let it become an eyesore like so many communities where fast food and every type of business pop up once the development starts. We were in Bozeman last year for the first time in 8 years and were really discouraged that such a beautiful community could let it's development run wild . The Hwy 16 drive is beautiful and gives new tourists their first look at the panorama of the Hills. They don't come here to see Wal Mart and houses. Let's keep commercial development contained in appropriate areas. I like the idea of more development East of the mall and the I 90/ Lacrosse exit.

Thanks for your consideration.
Dave Jordahl, 13810 Ember Rd, 57702

From: MBoyer0000@aol.com [mailto:MBoyer0000@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 8:45 AM

To: tom.johnson@rcgov.org; sam.kooiker@rcgov.org; ray.hadley@regov.org; tom.murphy@rcgov.org; bill.waugh@regov.org; ron.kroeger@regov.org; bob.hurlbut@rcgov.org

Subject: Walmart location issue

Please rezone the Hwy 16 corridor to protect the scenic approach to the Hills before it is absolutely too late. Wal-mart can go elsewhere or not expand at all. They aren't that wonderful. Thank you, Mary Boyer

For Your Information:

chatterbox

The Wal-Mart Manifesto

The retail giant's CEO says his company pays workers handsomely. He doesn't want you to believe him.

By Timothy Noah

Posted Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at 9:14 AM PT

H. Lee Scott Jr., the chief executive officer of Wal-Mart, argued in a speech yesterday in Los Angeles (click here to listen to it) that Wal-Mart is a force for good in the economy. Scott is hardly the first corporate chairman to echo "Engine" Charlie Wilson's claim that what's good for General Motors is good for America. And many independent observers have noted that Wal-Mart's relentless downward pressure on overhead has been a boon to American consumers. (In a recent New Yorker column, James Surowiecki took this further, arguing that the retail economy has become a sort of dictatorship of the consumer, and that Wal-Mart, which earns only pennies on each dollar of sales, is merely doing what it must to stay alive.)

What's fairly new in Scott's speech (a related ad campaign was launched last month) is Wal-Mart's rising on its hind legs to tell the world that it is good to its employees. I'd thought it was a settled matter that Wal-Mart had achieved its miraculously low prices by squeezing its employees. Not so, said Scott:

Wal-Mart's average wage is around \$10 an hour, nearly double the federal minimum wage. The truth is that our wages are competitive with comparable retailers in each of the more than 3,500 communities we serve, with one exception—a handful of urban markets with unionized grocery workers. ... Few people realize that about 74 percent of Wal-Mart hourly store associates work full-time, compared to 20 to 40 percent at comparable retailers. This means Wal-Mart spends more broadly on health benefits than do most big retailers, whose part-timers are not offered health insurance. You may not be aware that we are one of the few retail firms that offer health benefits to part-timers. Premiums begin at less than \$40 a month for an individual and less than \$155 per month for a family.

The apparent purpose of the speech was to counter political resistance to the building of Wal-Mart "supercenters" in California. But if Scott saw much danger that Wall Street might believe his rosy picture of labor relations, he wouldn't paint it, because that would create an investor stampede away from Wal-Mart stock. What we have, then, is a unique rhetorical form: Nonsense recited by someone who is relying on most of his listeners to understand that he is spouting nonsense. Wal-Mart took the trouble to send this speech out to writers "who are in a position to influence a lot of others," according to a cover e-mail I received from Mona Williams, Wal-Mart's vice president for corporate communications. I took Williams' email as a plea to expose the dishonesty in Scott's remarks (Stop us before we kill again!) disguised as a plea to give Scott's remarks a fair hearing. I will try to oblige.

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As Tom Geoghegan, a labor lawyer in Washington (and author of *Which Side Are You On?: Trying To Be For Labor When It's Flat On Its Back*) points out, the relevant number isn't the average, which would be skewed upward by the large salaries of relatively few highly-paid company executives—Scott, for example, receives, by one reckoning, 897 times the pay of the average Wal-Mart worker—but the median. In the Dec. 16 *New York Review of Books*, Simon

Head, director of the Project on Technology and the Workplace at the Century Foundation, stated, "the average pay of a sales clerk [*italics mine*] at Wal-Mart was \$8.50 an hour, or about \$14,000 a year, \$1,000 below the government's definition of the poverty level for a family of three." That the current minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour leaves families even farther below the poverty line is a depressing topic for another day.

The truth is that our wages are competitive with comparable retailers in each of the more than 3,500 communities we serve, with one exception—a handful of urban markets with unionized grocery workers.

Wal-Marts have traditionally targeted rural areas where unions are weak, so of course the pay would be lousy at comparable retailers nearby. What Scott doesn't mention is that Wal-Mart is now so large—its workforce, Head points out, is "larger than that of GM, Ford, GE, and IBM combined"—that it drives down wages at other retailers, too. As Geoghegan observed to me, Wal-Mart is the behemoth that forces everyone else's wages down and then says, "Hey, we're no worse than anyone else." They turn everyone else into Wal-Mart and then say, "Are we any worse than the other Wal-Mart wannabees?" Now that everyone has to play their game, they like to come across as the industry's statesman. It's disgusting.

The disparaging reference to "urban markets with unionized grocery workers" is a reminder that Wal-Mart has successfully resisted virtually all efforts to unionize its stores, even in labor-friendly blue states.

Few people realize that about 74 percent of Wal-Mart hourly store associates work full-time, compared to 20 to 40 percent at comparable retailers.

Yes, but what exactly is a "full-time worker"? Typically, full-time is defined as 40 hours a week or more. At Wal-Mart, it's defined as 34 hours a week. So of course Wal-Mart has more "full-time" workers. Fewer hours worked, I need hardly point out, means that Wal-Mart's "full-time" employees are less likely than employees elsewhere to be able to afford premiums for any health insurance they're offered. According to Head, fewer than half of Wal-Mart's employees can afford even the company's least-expensive health plan.

I won't bother enumerating the many, many times Wal-Mart has been accused of violating its own professed policies regarding child labor, working employees off the clock, promoting women, and so on, but you can find that here.

Halfway through his speech, Scott took an amazing U-turn. He stopped arguing that Wal-Mart paid its workers handsomely and instead argued that of course the pay is lousy at Wal-Mart. Pay is always lousy in the retail sector:

Retail sector wages have been about 25 percent lower than economy-wide wages for the last 15 years and this gap is at least as large in other advanced nations. Auto wages, by contrast, have been 40 to 50 percent higher than economy-wide wages.

The discrepancy, Scott argued, is due to the fact that the auto industry is capital-intensive while the retail industry is labor-intensive. But if Scott took this argument at all seriously, he'd have to concede that his own pay should be reduced drastically below its current level. In 2003, the most recent year for which I can find data, Scott sucked down \$29 million (including stock-option grants). That same year, G.R. Wagoner, president and CEO of General Motors, hauled in about half that amount, \$15 million. Following Scott's logic, I don't see how he can avoid knocking his own pay down to around \$10 million.

And if Scott wants to argue that he works for the nation's biggest company? We all know how to answer, don't we? All together now: "Dude! It's only retail!"

Timothy Noah writes "Chatterbox" for Slate.

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From: jerry fisher [<mailto:jffish@rapidcity.net>]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 10:19 AM
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Subject: proposed WalMart

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We reside in and are affected by the Highway 16 proposed development plan. The proposed alterations from park and agricultural land to low density housing were only made public to those of us in the affected area approximately six months ago. We have faithfully attended meetings, submitted our opinions to the planning commission or had a representative of our group at planning and city council meetings.

Through these meetings acceptable compromises have been reached. However, we and our neighbors feel that the importance of consideration of the natural beauty, wildlife, peace and dark skies of our low density population must continue to be a priority and concern regarding further development plans and rezoning changes.

We are dismayed to hear that plans for a WalMart(supercenter, no less!!) on Sammis Trail is now in planning stages. We feel the increased traffic , noise and light pollution, trash, animal road kill, loss of property values, depletion of water supplies, and most importantly, compromise of the natural beauty of this area make this an extremely poor choice of locations. The beautiful first or last view of Rapid City by our tourists would become one of ugly buildings, endless parking lots and golden arches. This is hardly what we would like them to tell their friends and family about their trip to the Black Hills. WalMart is getting an increasingly bad reputation throughout America for good reasons. The damage to local businesses through cut throat tactics and low wages\poor benefits to employees is being widely recognized. Surely one of these stores in our city is enough. Surely another, less scenic and already commercially developed area can be found if they insist on bringing another store to Rapid City. We encourage you to have the courage to stand up to this megacorporation as other cities throughout the country are doing. Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Fisher
Jerry Fisher

From: [Nate](#)
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 12:02 AM
Subject: HWY 16 Wal-Mart

Mr. Mayor and Council members,

Please do not impede progress on the Wal-Mart issue proposed for HWY 16. Not only would this create jobs and money for our city, it would be an extremely wonderful convenience for citizens who live on the south and west side of the city. Currently, everyone has to travel to the north side of town for shopping and dining since this is where the majority of our amenities are located. This causes congested traffic and extremely crowded businesses. I can remember trying to do my Christmas shopping this past year. Traffic was backed up on N. Haines from Disk Dr. all the way south to Van Buren. This is ridiculous. The south side of town is prime for expansion. Also, the proposed site is perfect for targeting tourists on their way out of town.

I understand there are concerns that a second Wal-Mart would take business away from downtown stores. I don't believe this is necessarily true. The downtown shops are mostly specialty stores. I would not go to Wal-Mart for running shoes, I would go to The Runner's Shop. If I needed gun related equipment, I would go to First Stop Gun. Even if there were a few conflicts, competition would benefit the consumer. I am not wanting anyone to go out of business. I know some of the best places in town are small and little known. However this city has so much potential.

Sadly, proposals to enhance our city have been denied in the past. It seems some on the council are anti-growth. We can offer so much more. Think back to the time of the Rapid City Thrillers. We may never have a chance to take our kids or grandkids to a basketball game like that if the city continues to impede growth. Franchises only work if they make money. We lost the Thrillers to a better market in Florida. Right now we have the Red Dogs, but how can we ensure they stay and become a successful franchise? By encouraging growth. We could easily bring in more professional sports (on a minor league scale), if we realize growth is inevitable as well as positive. This can start by allowing Wal-Mart to build a second store.

Thank you for your time. Mayor Shaw, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our city.

Sincerely,
Nate Hower

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From: [kevin lyons](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 4:04 AM

Subject: Hwy 16 corridor

I support Mr. Halburt in his proposal to zone the area Wal Mart wants to develop along Hwy 16 as neighborhood commercial instead of general commercial as reported in the RC Journal. I believe having a Wal Mart there would take away from the scenic quality of the area, and add more traffic and congestion. I also believe that like the article states, Wal Mart probably has a plan B and plan C for that matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lyons
320 E. Philadelphia St.

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From: Charlene Olson [mailto:ca_olson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 6:01 PM
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Subject: Highway 16 Land Use Plan

I ask the zoning to be changed to Neighborhood/Office Commercial. A Walmart on Highway 16 near Moon Meadows would cause a traffic hazard do to the hill to the south of the proposed site. The corner combined with the hill makes it difficult to see and judge on-coming traffic speed and distance. This would cause major accidents. The increase in overall traffic would make the area unpleasant at best and horrible at the worst, for both locals and visitors alike.

The big Walmart sign would be a blight on the view of the pairie for a large section of the black hills. Highway 16 to Mount Rushmore should be a scenic route to and from Rapid City, a Walmart is not scenic. It would be a poor reflection of Rapid City to allow a Super Center to be built there.

A green belt along 16 would be so much better than an alley way of stores.

Thank you for your time
Charlene Porter
3348 Pine Wood Dr.
Rapid City SD 57702

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-----Original Message-----

From: cmbrich@juno.com [<mailto:cmbrich@juno.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 4:27 PM

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Subject: Highway 16 Land Use Plan

Good Afternoon,

Please, "Just Say No" to Walmart on Highway 16. The infrastructure and traffic concerns are definitely of concern but I feel the most important issue is the beauty of the area for living and driving into the beautiful Black Hills. Walmart would be 24 hours, 7 days a week; the light pollution they would cause would be an additional blight to the traffic and sewer/water issues.

Thank you for listening.

Carolyn Brich

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-----Original Message-----

From: NT Whitehead [mailto:NTWhitehead@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 9:15 AM

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Subject: Highway 16 land use plan

Dear Council Members:

As I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight, I would like to share my opinion with the council.

My family is **very much in favor** of the Wal-Mart and the development of Highway 16. We have been without close access to anything. Everything is being built north. It will be most convenient for us as well as all of the people who live south of here. There is a big market that you are losing by not having something this direction. This is especially true if the BH Forest Service is going to be building there.

We lived in OK before moving to SD. We had a Wal-Mart one mile from our house. It was a wonderful convenience and did not cause traffic congestion or extra noise.

I have heard nothing but favorable comments, from both in town and out of town residents, about the future expansion. Some of the comments have been, " I hate to have to drive clear across town. It will be so nice to be able to stop on the way home." There are a lot more people in favor of this expansion than there are against. If Red Rock can have City sewer and water, I believe that the same can be provided for the Highway 16 area.

Please do not let a few, who want privacy, take away the benefit for the many.

Thank you for your consideration.

LoRayne Whitehead
8542 Dunsmore Rd

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From: Ficken Rise

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 2:03 PM

To: Elkins Marcia

Subject: Walmart Supporter

I just had a call from a Mr. Alan M. Bishop (718-0699) who is a disabled veteran who is employed at Wal-Mart. He wanted the City Council to be aware that Wal-Mart is a good employer and hires based on abilities, and does not focus on disabilities. He stated that Wal-Mart also hires many veterans. He asked that the City Council support the proposed Wal-Mart facility.

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From: missouri man [<mailto:missouriman35@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 5:47 PM
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Subject: Wal Mart on hwy 16 A VOTE NO

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Rapid City SD 57702

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Rapid City SD 57702

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From: j_loverich@juno.com
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2005 10:40 PM
Subject: Hwy 16 Land Use

Members of the Rapid City Council,

I was quite shocked by the article in today's Rapid City Journal outlining the proposed development of Hwy 16. While I don't currently live in the city limits, I do work in Rapid and the limits may very well reach me eventually.

It is critical that this land remain a scenic corridor to the Black Hills. Low-density housing and/or small businesses along S. Hwy 16 are far more appropriate than the proposed Wal-Mart Super Center and other commercial buildings. I strongly object to this proposal and feel that it has taken place behind-the-scenes away from public scrutiny. Wal-Mart does not bring new jobs to a community. They convert medium wage jobs that have benefits into low paying part time jobs with no benefits. I urge all of you to please research the detrimental impact that Wal-Mart's have on communities. The evidence is out there - extensive and irrefutable. Rapid City does not need another Wal-Mart.

I also find the lack of proposed green spaces and consideration for bicycle and pedestrian traffic to be appalling. If you travel around the country and pick out the cities that are most appealing to anyone, I guarantee that those cities will contain a plethora of parks, extensive bike paths and other open space. We do not want our beloved city converted into a poorly planned sprawl of concrete and strip malls. An outside consultant who specializes in aesthetic growth needs to be hired. The prior work of this firm should be considered when hiring a consultant. Ask yourself would you want to live in the development that they designed? We all must remember that this is our last and only chance to get this right. Once you level the ravines and build a bunch of mammoth concrete boxes surrounded by pavement, there is no going back. The land and its beauty will be lost forever.

Please reconsider this proposal. A well thought out and properly designed plan is worth the tax payer's money and is your obligation as a member of the council.

Thank you.

Best Regards.

James Loverich
23950 S. Rockerville Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57702
388-8072

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Monty Zantow](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2005 7:36 AM

Subject: Walmart on Hwy16

Mayor, and Council Members,

I would like to voice my opinion about the possibility of another Wal-Mart being built in our community. I fail to see any benefits from Wal-Mart. This mega retailer has continued to destroy local small business's in communities all over the country.

Let's make a stand for Rapid City and stop this goliath from controlling our city.

Thank you,
Monty Zantow
1105 Alta Vista Dr.
Rapid City S.D.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nielson Peggy

Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2005 8:13 AM

To: Rippentrop Kay

Subject: voice mail message

The Water Office received this voice mail message on February 28 after working hours:

Carolyn Jacobi and her husband wish to be added to a list to keep Walmart off Highway 16. She gave two phone numbers - 343-4647 and 390-3322 (cell).

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Chad Moyer](#)

To: [Mark Porter](#) ; councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2005 2:52 PM

Subject: new super walmart

To whom it may concern:

I would like to advise against another Super Wal-Mart in that area. As being a former S.D. resident and growing up in Rapid City, I feel this would be an absolute ridiculous place to put it. None the less a Wal-Mart.

In all my years of living in R.C., that intersection was always the worst for accidents.

As for tourism being the largest income in that area of S.D.- the last thing people should be seeing coming back down the hill into Rapid City is a stupid Super Wal-Mart. They should be seeing what the town has to offer. Like the heritage and the beautiful view of the Black Hills.

When I come home to visit my family who continues to live there in Rapid City (because of the area and opportunities), the last thing I want to show my children of where their Mom grew up, is the view of the Hills with a Super Wal-Mart.

A suggestion - if there is such a need for another store, put it over on the west end of town. Don't be putting it in the middle of town. The reason people come to see the area is **to see the area**, not to shop at a Wal-Mart. Gees, they're all over the friggin' country anyway.

Sincerely,

Lisa Moyer

(a former resident, but
continued supporter of
Rapid City, S.D.)

-----Original Message-----

From: WILLIAM HUGGINS [mailto:b6021@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2005 1:01 PM

To: mayorinfo@rcgov.org

Subject: Do We Need Another Walmart

Mr. Mayor:

Prior to permitting Wal-mart to build south of Rapid City, lets take a look at the following:

A. Construction will probably cause a lot of local businesses to fail. Our local business people need to be able to compete fairly. Tourists will most likely stop at Wal-mart, not local Rapid City establishments.

B. What will the effect be on traffic and the environment?

C. If built, the Wal-mart should be required to pay a livable wage to the employees. Rapid City doesn't need any more minimal paying jobs.

D. Will Wal-mart be required to pay full price for such items as sewage and water lines? Or, is a "special deal" in the works? Are any concessions going to be made regarding commercial property taxes?

Finally, it only seems fair to put this issue to a vote of the people. Thank-you for your interest in my opinion, I am a local homeowner, voter and taxpayer.

William G. Huggins

From: [nate writes](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2005 10:15 AM

Subject: Wal-Mart proposal

Please, is there anything you can do to stop Super Wal-Mart from coming into this area? There is little to benefit from such a chain to this community. The jobs it would create are low-paying, but worse still, many community members in this area are going to have their small businesses threatened.

Dan's Supermarket, a North Dakota-based chain, being forced to shut down is just one of the many casualties to come if a Mega Wal-Mart is forced upon the community.

Let's keep the Black Hills a diverse community that prizes its small businesses.

Sincerely,
Natalie Neumann

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From: [Leslee Moore](#)
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2005 12:52 PM
Subject: A New Walmart

Dear Mayor and Councilpersons,

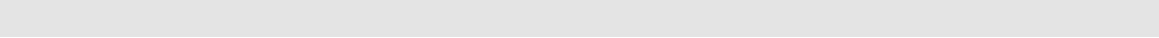
I really think we could use another Walmart in this Rapid City. Not only would Walmart take certain steps to keep the general public happy– such as making it an A-frame building, which will blend in with the landscape– it contributes very highly to organizations and charities. I pay my taxes, and would like my voice to be heard.

Rhonda Moore

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From: "OLIVIA PEROVICH" <perlivy@juno.com>
To: <councilgroup@rcgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 8:21 PM
Subject: WALMART #2

> THE GROWTH OF RAPID CITY IN ALL DIRECTIONS COULD USE ANOTHER
> WALMART. AND SHOULDN'T HURT OTHER STORES. HOPEFULLY ALL PROBLEMS
> OF REZONING ETC. WILL BE SOLVED SOON. A WALMART SHOPPER.



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From: [Donna Fisher](#)

To: [Shaw Jim](#)

Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2005 5:13 PM

Subject: Concern about zoning

Dear Mayor Shaw and members of the Council:

I live in rural Pennington County but Rapid City is my trade area and where I volunteer my time for church and community. I'm disturbed by some of the current zoning discussion .

First, please preserve the wonderful natural area on the creek on Highway 44. I drive along it nearly every day and observe so many residents enjoying this lovely spot. Keep the concrete away!

Second, please support the French-Hurlbut amendment so we can keep the route to Mount Rushmore beautiful. Enthusiastic tourists and a scenic entry to the Black Hills mean quality of life AND economic well-being for all of us. We don't need to "kiss up" for a Super WalMart. Let them build in areas when similar development already exists.

Zone for unlimited commercial development west of RC and you'll give rural residents like me even more reason to turn to delightful Hill City for groceries, gas, restaurants, etc. Furthermore, expect me to advise my East River friends to avoid Rapid City altogether and enter the Hills via Custer or Spearfish.

Thanks, Bob Hurlbut and Jean French, for caring about the general welfare of all of us who love the Hills.

Donna Fisher
District 33

From: MrGoodT26@aol.com
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 1:09 PM
Subject: We Need a second Wal Mart!!!

Dear Council Members:

I am writing you in order to see that my voice is heard when it comes to the proposed second Wal Mart Super Center in Rapid City.

I would like to start off by saying that I have been a proud Wal Mart Associate for almost a year now and have been a proud and loyal customer for over 14 years.

In the time that I have been a customer with Wal Mart I have seen a lot of positive come towards the community of Rapid City. There has been a lot of growth and development in the area of the store on North Lacrosse Street, and not to mention that area of town has a cleaner image now. Quite a few of the associates volunteer for local charities and organizations, in which Wal Mart contributes to the associates volunteer effort. Plus we cannot forget the fact the number of people Wal Mart has on staff and the sales tax dollars the store brings into the city. These are just a few of the things that Wal Mart does for the city!!

The city and many of the surrounding communities are growing at an alarming rate from all directions. Also, I might add that Rapid City has become a destination for many people to visit and for many events that come to the area, which include the Sturgis Rally and Races, Central States Fair, Black Hills Stock Show, The Sport Show, The Home Show, The Black Hills Pow Wow, local sporting events, and many more that I cannot possibly place here.

Therefore I support the second Wal Mart Supercenter 110%, but I will not leave it at that I want to point out just a few of the many positives this would bring to the Rapid City Community.

1. More Jobs for the Community, thus lowering unemployment
2. More Sales Tax Revenue for the City of Rapid City
3. Even more associates volunteering for the community, therefore Wal Mart donating more money to local charities and Organizations.
4. More development in Rapid City, which would help the local economy!!

With that in mind I ask that you approve development of the Hyw 16 corridor on March 28th and also accept Wal Mart's request to rezone land for General Commercial so we can build a second store.

Sincerely,
Thomas Perovich
Proud Wal Mart Associate and Loyal Customer
Store 1604 Rapid City, SD

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From: [Connie E](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 3:27 PM

Subject: in response to the new wal mart

I fully think we need a new wal mart supercenter. It is nothing but crowds of people there and they are very rude cause it is so crowded and the lines are so long.. I have talked to some people where i work and they all think we really need another wal mart too. Rapid city and the hills are expanding alot, and it's not going to stop growing either, and eventually we are going to be like sioux falls and they have two wal marts. It is really out of the way for people on the west and south side of town. it really needs to happen. I will tell all my friends to write to you too. it is a must!!!!

We want to add our voices to the citizens of the County that are against the Gal-Mart expansion on Hwy 16.

We have families that live in that area and have seen numerous "near-misses" at both the Summit Trail & St Hwy intersections, i.e. people turning around, stalling when crossing, nearly back-ending a school bus, and misjudging the oncoming traffic speed resulting in braking and tire squealing. Adding a lot of traffic to that intersection would create tremendous hazard, no matter how it was done. Bad roads in winter would be awful. It already is! We have heard a rumor that there would be a stoplight there. A stoplight at the near-end of a large hill? We can't imagine -

The other concern is the destruction of the pretty entry to both the Hills and the city. Again, why? Do we really need to "de-beautify" ???

We urge the permanent removal of the Gal-Mart construction plan for that area.

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From: Brian Walton [mailto:bv_walton@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2005 9:28 PM
To: councilgroup@rcgov.org
Subject: HWY 16 WAL-MART

ITS AMAZING TO ME THAT THERE IS SUCH A CONTROVERCY OVER ANOTHER WAL-MART IN RAPID CITY. YOU HAVE ALLOWED 4 FAMILY THIFT CENTERS 2 SAFEWAYS AND SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE SAME BANK HERE. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER WAL-MART? WOULDN'T IT BRING IN MORE JOBS TO RAPID CITY WHICH IN TURN WOULD ALSO BRING IN MORE REVENUE? ALL OF THIS CREATES MORE TAXES AND MONEY THE CITY COULD USE TO BEAUTIFY RAPID CITY AND ATTRACT MORE TOURIST? I AM A REGISTERED VOTED AND I VOTE FOR ANOTHER WAL-MART. WAL-MART IS GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY BECAUSE OF ITS ALWAYS LOW PRICES PHILOSOPHY. I WOULD HATE TO THINK WHAT THE COUNTRY WOULD BE LIKE IF THERE WASN'T A WAL-MART. WITH THE ECONOMY IN THE SHAPE ITS IN NOW HIGH PRICES WOULD BRING INFLATION AND A LOWER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR US ALL. DON'T BE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO DON'T ALLOW FREE TRADE AND BUSINESS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. ISN'T THIS WHAT MADE OUR COUNTRY GREAT?

SINCERELY,

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From: [Terri Roman](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2005 9:59 PM

Subject: Wal-Mart

City council members,

As a tax payer and an active voter in the Rapid City area I want to ensure that my views are shared. I have lived and worked in this area for the last 7 years. I recently changed my employer and currently work for Wal-mart. They are an excellent employer that truly cares about the people that chose to seek employment with them.

It is a shame that so many lies are told and then repeated by people that really know nothing about Wal-Mart. The majority of Rapid City taxpayers vote everyday that they support Wal-Mart...they shop in the local store! Allowing another store to be built in this town will not hurt Rapid City, it will only help it. To those of you that feel differently I urge you to pick up the phone and call Mark Haberman, the store manager and discuss your concerns. He has a wealth of knowledge and is also a very active volunteer in our community.

Your vote counts...so does mine

Thank you
Terri Roman
Co-Manager/Training
Wal-Mart