

# Santa Rosa Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance

A petition calling upon the Santa Rosa County Commissioners to enforce the 500-foot public health and safety separation between new gas stations and homes.

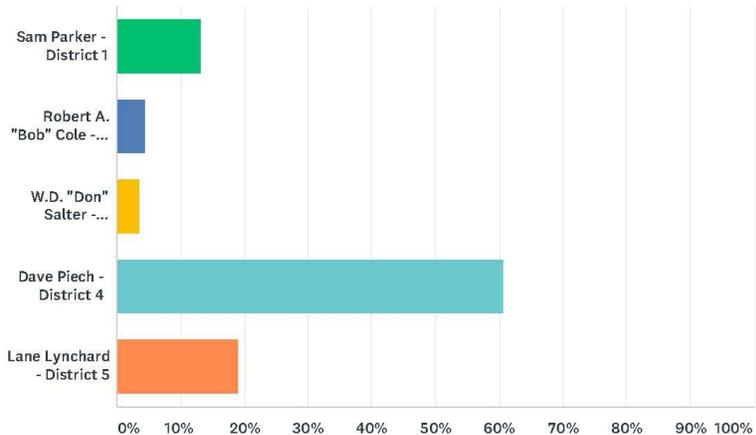
Q1 Please provide your name and contact information so we can let your know of our progress in ensuring your home and ours are protected from the health and safety impacts of new gas stations.

Answered: 147 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	147
Company	0.00%	0
Address	98.64%	145
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	100.00%	147
State/Province	100.00%	147
ZIP/Postal Code	99.32%	146
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	91.16%	134
Phone Number	76.19%	112

Q2 Which of the following represents you on the Board of County Commissioners? If uncertain, visit the following website to learn who is your Commissioner: Find Your Commissioner APP

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sam Parker - District 1	13.14%	18
Robert A. "Bob" Cole - District 2	4.38%	6
W.D. "Don" Salter - District 3	3.65%	5
Dave Piech - District 4	60.58%	83
Lane Lynchard - District 5	18.98%	26
Total Respondents: 137		

### Q3 Would you care to share any particular reasons why you're concerned about new gas stations?

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Environmental, health and safety. Several studies have documented the adverse health effects of gas stations caused by air and groundwater contamination during fuel transfer and fueling operations. Current SRC Land Development Code (LDC) restricts the placement of underground fuel storage tanks within 500 ft. of a residential zoning district. This is not enough. The LDC should be amended to restrict the placement of GAS STATIONS within 500 feet of a residential zoning district, property line to property line, as approximately half of the benzine contamination to the air occurs while customers are fueling their vehicles. Any board that approves variances allowing gas stations any closer than 500 ft. from any residence is clearly stating that it cares more about developers' profits than the health and safety of its citizens.

I am for responsible development of Navarre and Santa Rosa County. Codes and laws are in place to protect citizens and the environment . This request requires 4 code variances. This is a red flag indicating this is the wrong location for this business. Please support the citizens and deny the request for a gas station to be built at this location.

1. All hazardous developments, without exception, should adhere to established codes or more stringent requirements. 2. I own property just off Hwy87. If we start making exceptions, my property could be next to have inappropriate development nearby.

For health and safety reasons being extremely close to our houses, breaking the regulations in our county. I am afraid of the exposure of gases and explosions. Breaking the regulations also worries me because that will open opportunities to unimaginable businesses in this area making Navarre a unsafe place to live.

Highway 87 already has 2 gas stations within a mile in both directions of High school blvd. Why do we need another one? The LAW requires a 500 foot safety zone and you're willing to break that law and to risk the lives of the residents in this neighborhood...for??? To build an unneeded gas station???

There is a law in place for a reason. We just need to follow the law already in place.

Respect neighborhood safety and integrity by enforcement of the zoning rule

My husband works at the high school and my daughter goes to the high school. This is already a high traffic area prone to accidents and a new gas station would only increase the traffic and accident rates at the opening of a school zone.

I understand that these tanks are encased, but "things" happen and if they aren't put in and handled properly, there is substantial damage to our water tables and all the surrounding neighborhoods. Do I want a Gas Station next door to me? NO.

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My primary concern is the proximity to the fumes and the compounds/chemicals that waft towards families. Going to a gas station 2-3 times a month isn't bad. Living within 500ft of one, 24/7/365 cant be healthy. An additional concern is the proximity to the loudness that traditionally comes with a gas station. That can't be good. Would you like to live that close to one?

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Potential of increase crime and activity on already a very busy intersection. Loss of home value. Ridiculous to add another gas station between two that are less than a mile apart already.

Other than the fact that the tanks will be located to close to a neighborhood, the intersection they plan to put this gas station on is already a traffic disaster with the school traffic backing up right there on High School Blvd AND on 87N. It's a huge safety issue to our young drivers.

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There are enough to go around. Not to mention the congestion that already is in and around high school road. Come on guys, surely there are better businesses you can attract to this great city

I am concerned about traffic hazards at busy intersection close to homes and schools. We need to maintain that distance.

I'm a high school student that drives there DAILY. There is already enough traffic coming off and onto High School Blvd. It takes about 10 minutes to get out of the parking lot as is. Adding a gas station while there are two Tom Thumbs within a couple miles of each other is ridiculous and unnecessary.

The safety of those driving, walking, biking on an ALREADY busy road. This is where high schoolers (lots of new drivers) are making their way to school. A gas station in this area of Navarre is NOT safe.

It would be a complete chaos. You will try and have people turn left into the gas station going over a double line and it backs up traffic and accidents will happen. It's inky common cents you don't put one in there. It would be like the gas station at 399/87 traffic backing up and fender benders because someone is trying to get in the gas station. Plus we have two within a half mile distance. ☹️

Environmental, student safety, neighborhood safety, unneeded station as we already have 2 within a mile of each other now and the traffic implications!!

Safety for students, and residents. There is too much traffic already and adding a gas station will double the accidents. Putting large fuel storage too close to residential homes. And wasn't this already turned down?

We absolutely do not need 3 gas stations within a mile of one another. Further, the intersection in question is already congested. The variances they are asking for, in my opinion, are bad for the environment, the high school and the residents agacent to the parcels in question.

Health hazard

Because the ecosystem in this area is already so compromised due to constant construction and dumping. We have plenty of gas stations already, it would be absurd and an environmental disaster to add another next to houses. The ground water and land would inevitably be polluted.

Do not put gas stations within 500 ft of a residential dwelling

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I'm concerned about the safety and health hazards of a gas station the butts up against two houses. Environmental and safety laws are written because a serious accidents involving a hazard liquid spill/fire/explosion occurred and put people and/or property were a factor. Maybe people were killed. Maybe a gas spill seeped into the water table putting the entire adjacent housing area at risk. Why write environmental and safety laws if they are optional with the stroke of a pen? Lastly, highway 87 already has two gas stations within a mile or two of each other. I do not see a need for another gas station on that span of Hwy 87. However, maybe I'm unaware of the need for another gas station. Please tell me why another gas station is necessary in that particular area. Thank you

Overriding existing ordinance to allow for a new gas station is clearly against public safety and the public interest. Secondly, another gas station is clearly not needed in the proposed area. Enforce existing ordinance.

Emissions and contamination to the ground! Plus, we already have enough of them in SRC

We have to many now and it's unhealthy for our future generations

Toxic leaks from underground fumes, crime, noise from added traffic, added traffic to already busy intersections, poor roadway planning for traffic flow, fumes from gas stations.

Two other gas stations exist within 1 mile of the proposed location. This is an attempt to get the kids from the school to come purchase convenient store type junk food and drinks. As you know, this intersection is extremely busy already. Too close to houses, kids walking, kids on bikes, etc,

Groundwater pollution, surface runoff making it into lawn wells spreading through spray drift, noise, trash, random people drinking behind the gas station in bushes - like on East Bay and 87.

It is much too close to that home on High School Blvd and is not in any way shape or form fair to the home owner.

Safety of home owners

Too close to my neighborhood. I am a few houses down from where this will be built. Concerned about the added traffic. It is already bad.

Gas stations shouldn't be placed with 500ft of a residential property. Would any commissioner want a gas station next to their house?

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If the requested Variance 2019-V-085 is approved, what is the point of having development codes in the first place. I see nothing in the applicants Special Circumstances or Conditions comments that is either a special circumstances or conditions rather they simply want to build to their own desires. In addition to my opposition to granting this Variance request I see another issue to approving a C-Store at this location. The developers site plan appears to indicate a full access 30' drive on High School Blvd. at about the mid-point of the South property line along High School Blvd. This will create a severe traffic hazard as cars turning onto High School Blvd. from Hwy. 87 will be attempting to make left hand turns into the proposed site. This problem already exist at both of the Tom Thumbs referenced in the request. On top of that added congestion, add to the fact that there is already heavy traffic at this intersection several times a day coming from inexperienced drivers from the high school, I see a high potential for accidents. I strongly ask that you vote NO on the proposed varances requested in Variance 2019-V-085. I see the request for sign height, canopy lighting and metal tower/fascia variances as items that the developer could find a way to build their C-Store without these being approved. The gas storage tank variance is a serious code issue and should not be given approval. The traffic safety issues (which is not addressed in the Variance Request) will be a very dangerous and long term issue at the intersection of High School Blvd. and Hwy. 87...

I care about the health of my environment and neighbors.

Too close to residential properties

Danger of establishing a precedent for the future.

Health, safety and welfare of the public should be paramount in any decision. If I remember correctly there will be a larger amount of gasoline stored than what the LDC currently allows. Greater gas storage, greater problem. Also, the possibility of groundwater contamination should always be of concern. 500 foot protection zone is not enough.

Toxicity. Potential for explosion or fire.

Leave the 500 ft buffer in place. It's there for a reason. Gas stations pose risks from chemicals like benzene, and vapors already known to cause health problems plus leakage to soil and water. Every time public lawmakers bow to commercial interests and waive sensible restrictions like this, our quality of life is further degraded.

There seems to be no rational reason to approve this zoning exception for a particular applicant.

We have enough gas stations in Navarre and more than enough air pollution from Hwy 98 traffic.

Air and groundwater contamination, and safety.

Health Hazards for all

Potential safety hazards and decline in property value.

Too close to my home and very much concerned about safety, noise, light and odor from the gas station if built within 150 ft from my residence. I am also concerned that it will depreciate the value of my property.

eye sore on public viewing, attracts low income citizenship, provides a panhandling location for homeless people, brings unwanted people into the community of panhandlers, attracts less than desirable citizens to a cheap version of retail. Serves no purpose other than to retail gasoline, SRC needs to clean up the abandoned gas stations which now exist before allowing any new facilities.

Safety and we need to follow the law.

Noise, Crime and the most important... Environment hazards.

Too dangerous for homeowners

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Because our elected officials do not protect our property values, environment, groundwater and care only about big corporate profit.

Tanks can leak, hoses can get pulled out of pumps. I worked at a gas station, when a customer overflowed her tank. There were several gallons of gas disbursed onto the parking area. Granted you have products to keep it from getting into drainage water. But had a person tossed out a cigarette or someone sparked a flash starting their vehicle. It would have taken out the whole area. A gas station should not be approved within 100 feet or more of housing area, wetlands and waterways.

Noise Pollution & Pollution

I believe it should follow the guidelines such as being 500 feet from the neighborhood.

Crimes adjacent to homes

I live in the neighborhood adjoining the proposed gas station property. I hate to think what will become of our quiet neighborhood with the proposed changes.

Just unsafe and not necessary. Homes and commercial bussiness should not be mixed.

All the reasons the code was written in the first place. The BoCC should not have authority to approve variance for gas stations, period

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I work for a company that is contracted through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in the Petroleum Restoration Program and I see firsthand how bad petroleum contamination effects groundwater and surrounding properties and how extensive the process is to clean up petroleum contamination. Gas stations are not checked on a monthly basis to assure that the gas tanks are not leaking into the soil and groundwater and therefore it can go unnoticed for a long period of time before anything is done about it. The health concerns are severe for petroleum contamination.

Placing a gas station within 500ft of a residential is dangerous and it can impact their property value.

The laws are in place for a reason and I don't want my neighbors endangered.

We have enough environmental issues in the south end of Santa Rosa County, we don't need more to worry about.

I am concerned about all new infrastructure being built in the Navarre area. In particular to gas stations is the potential danger posed being built so close to residential areas. We need to be smarter about WHAT is being built and WHERE it is being built. We are not in need of anymore gas stations anyway

Any type of contamination or explosion capability should NOT be within close proximity to residential neighborhoods.

I'm concerned about the environmental and heath impacts of allowing gas stations in residential areas....groundwater contamination, stormwater runoff...the list goes on...

I am concerned for the health and welfare of our County. It is being overlooked for greed.

I'm concerned about all development and its impact to the environment and residents.

I believe the variance for the 500 ft from a residential housing area should not be approved. My family has lived here since 2003 and our health is a major concern. We already have 2 gas stations within a half mile of this planned location.

We are in this neighborhood and it would hinder the potential for communal growth.

I am opposed due to four variances that are being requested. Four variances should definitely be a worrisome reason to NOT approve this as well as for the safety of the public and neighboring residents.

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Environmental

Ground contamination, shining lights into homes, traffic uncontrolled, noise.

Too. Lose to our homes and we should avoid any future disasters

Not needed and NOT safe for neighbors

Health, safety, crime brought to near by neighborhood.

Public safety

It is hazardous to my families health because of the close proximity of the gas station. It is basically being built in my backyard.

Health, safety, environmental, and issues with why the county commissioners are even considering letting a private corporation circumnavigate the established local laws. Are any of the five on the board set to personally profit from this?