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Roseway Wal-Mart?

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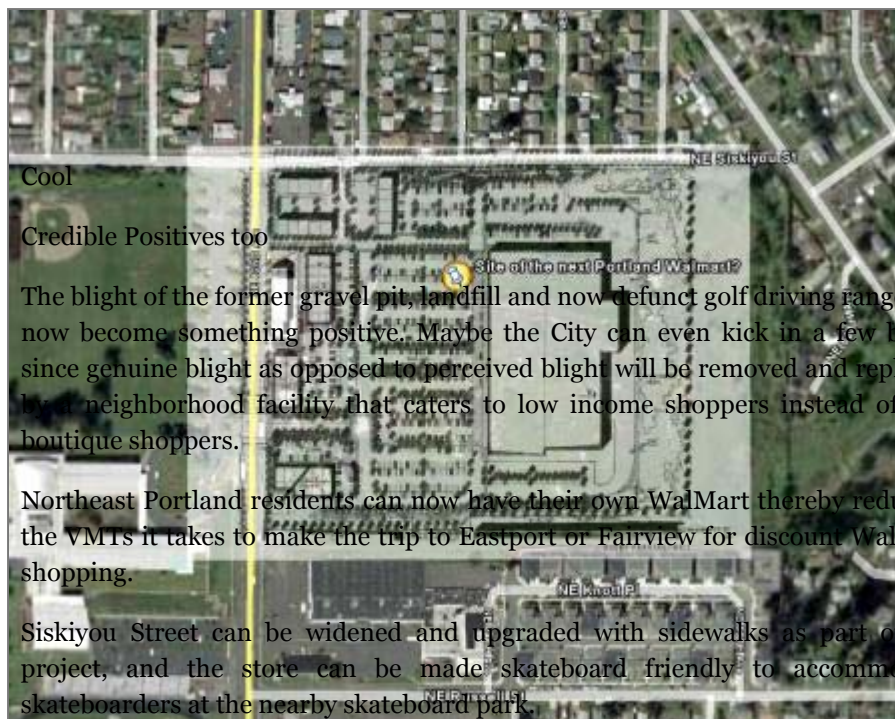
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Cool
Credible Positives too

The blight of the former gravel pit, landfill and now defunct golf driving range can now become something positive. Maybe the City can even kick in a few bucks since genuine blight as opposed to perceived blight will be removed and replaced by a neighborhood facility that caters to low income shoppers instead of just boutique shoppers.

Northeast Portland residents can now have their own WalMart thereby reducing the VMTs it takes to make the trip to Eastport or Fairview for discount WalMart shopping.

Siskiyou Street can be widened and upgraded with sidewalks as part of the project, and the store can be made skateboard friendly to accommodate skateboarders at the nearby skateboard park.

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City policies are not working to lower unemployment. Maybe the store can even establish work-study programs with low income students at the struggling Madison High School, a short walking distance across 82nd Avenue.

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Submitted by Anthony on Thu, 08/17/2006 - 10:43pm.

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Cool - Credit Positives, Removes Blight
Submitted by Terry Parker on Fri, 08/18/2006 - 8:32am

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"WinCo employees belong to a Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) that benefits Walmart starts employees (in Oregon) at over \$9.00 per hour - owns WinCo, Inc. Employees have shares that they can cash out

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Funny Marvel, you bring WinCo and Walmart up in the same post. I love WinCo's affordable prices, I love even more that with the low prices they offer, they still honor their employees with living wages and benefits instead of their shareholder, which WalMart is beholden to.

And it's not that you or anyone else has to shop WalMart, if you don't like them or the way they run the company then don't shop there, but why take away the freedom of choice of where to shop for others? Let's go over it Times I including management and executive employees, so don't mention the taxes that the payroll will generate. "One of the few large developable parcels of land in East Portland..."

"All employees have the same vacation schedule, whether they are We should save it for... more subsidized condos? Course you'll have to figure out how to make it more attractive (even more subsidies, tax breaks for employees belonging to a Stock Ownership Plan (SOP)) that then don't have to mention the taxes that the payroll will generate)."

add when rail and streetcars; tram, did I hear tram) - yeah, let's pour Hey, I don't like Nordstroms because of their prices, so I don't LOTS of city money into the area so it won't fall prey to a private company, then don't shop there, if you don't like something about a particular place performance. Recent contributions have averaged 18% allowed to build because I don't like something about it. Your "...and you support it becoming home to low-paying, near benefitless jobs... WinCo stores have self-organized committees that have direct input workers are directly responsible for building their future.

Versus what they have now - NO JOBS!!!! Nothing worth mentioning, yes, I'd rather have a low paying job than no job. And by the way, what is low paying? Most mom-and-pop places pay minimum wage, and no benefits. Walmart starts employees (in Oregon) at over \$9.00 per hour - Not surprisingly, WinCo employees stay with the company much

Tim,

Just who would build condos, upscale or even low income housing on this site, and what bank would even lend money to do so? Who would buy them? I doubt even Homer & Co. would be interested without a 100% risk subsidy from the City. The site was a gravel pit in the 50's & 60's (Rose City Sand & Gravel), it later became a garbage landfill and was then covered over and used as a driving range for golf which is now closed and boarded up. Gas from the landfill is still being burned off and will be for sometime to come. 82nd Avenue is a state highway that also has a high level of transit service. The location is within walking distances to a large number of residences. All around, this site is a great fit for a WalMart.

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Interesting that you speak of taking away freedom of choice - that really only applies to some people. If a 240,000 square foot superstore is built in that location, Wal-Mart will bankrupt dozens of businesses all up and down 82nd Avenue, Halsey and Glisan. It will adversely affect the Fred Meyer stores at 68th & Glisan and Gateway, the Safeway at 82nd & Burnside, and the stores at 82nd & Fremont.

Might I suggest a sustainable and community based solution to the WalMart issue? With your help, Sam [and some creative fundraising] we could create an education center where we would teach others to build sustainable housing and grow organic produce. This would be based on a barter system where we could use this site, and the local businesses is going to enhance shopping options for the local rather than curtail it. The Wal-Mart shoppers will be

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Mr Adams

You still have not made a good case against WalMart outside of a personal vendetta which is totally out of character for a public employee paid with tax dollars.

Anyways, how about working with WalMart to make the society better instead of just saying they are a problem and not proposing a solution? I would love it if we could give everyone a \$100K salary and gold-plated benefits like you receive, but Portland Audubon is proud to sponsor this is the private sector after all. the Think Local First event:

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Wal-Mart is a legal entity that would add jobs and offer needed services. If they treat their employees so bad why do people work there? I don't see any whips or chains forcing employees to do things they don't want to do or work more than they have to. If they don't like the treatment they are getting they can leave and find employment somewhere else. The fact is Wal-mart abides by the law and no one is forced to work or shop there. Why do you feel you have the right to use taxpayer money to oppose their operation in this city?

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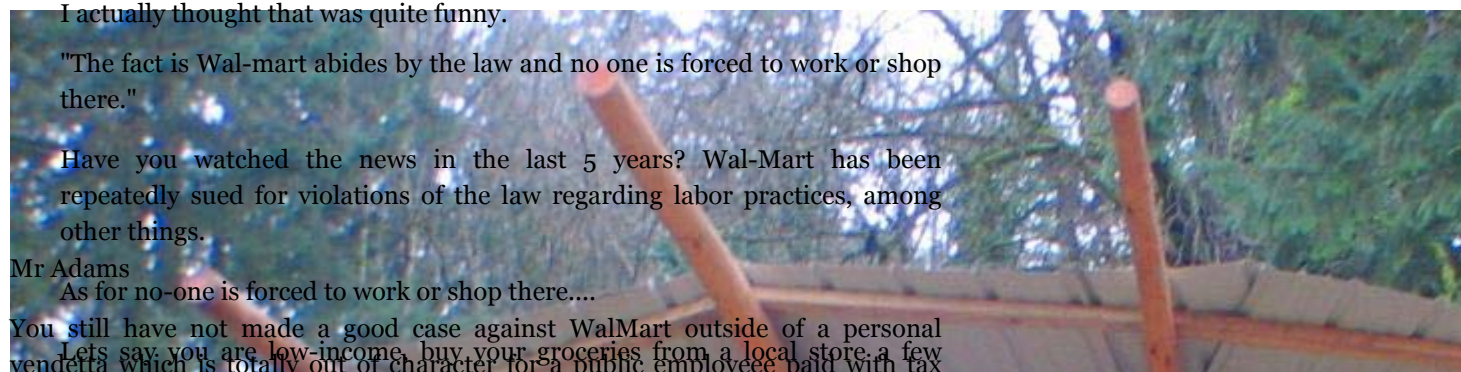
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Have you watched the news in the last 5 years? Wal-Mart has been repeatedly sued for violations of the law regarding labor practices, among other things.

Mr Adams

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Dear Mr. Adams,

I fail to see how using taxpayer money to try and stop a legal business from locating in Portland falls within your job description. Your views are borderline Socialist. City commissioners do not get to decide what businesses are allowed to operate in Portland. It is the voters job to elect the Mayor and the City Council. Wal-Mart is a legal business and it is not the job of the City to stop it. If you really want Wal-Mart to leave the USA it will be up to the citizens to sue the company. It is not up to the City Commission and several "watch" groups following in the political capital funds may actually complain with Wal-Mart getting all the credit and jobs and offering services but they treat their employees so badly why do people work there? I don't think it is fair to pay people to do things they don't want to do. I don't want to see Wal-Mart get a bad name if they don't like the way they are getting the big tax breaks in the state to operate here. The fact is Wal-Mart is allowed by the law and no one is forced to work or shop there. Why do you feel as if you have the right to use taxpayer money to stop a business from operating in this city? Wal-Mart. Do you really think things would be different if you exchanged

Fred Meyer for Wal-mart? Any large format out-of-state corporation is going to have that effect on the local marketplace. It's called the business cycle. I don't like it so I support local business (the smaller the better) whenever I can (I am one of those low-income people you are talking about that are sometimes "forced" to do things out of convenience).

So back to my original point why do we not hold all of these corporations to the same standards? Why is it OK to spend taxpayer money to stop one large format out-of-state corporation and let the others have a free pass? I think Wal-mart is bad, but I don't think they are that much worse than Fred Meyer, WINEO, Costco, or Target. The fact of the matter is, that if any of the aforementioned retailers come out tomorrow and say "hey it's not Wal-mart it's us" (a wolf with a better sheep outfit) all of the controversy will go away. Mr. Adams will switch sides so fast our heads will spin and everybody will be talking about how

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Lets say you are a low income person and you fill your groceries from a local store a few blocks away. You would rather see my tax dollars spent on schools or police rather than building a big store by a mall to make himself look better. If Mr. Adams blocks spending his own money and his off the clock time to try and force a store to close in the closest place to further his personal beliefs and you increase his tax base. There is no power to force it. Since it seems as though he is using his staff to be planning it for him and his work time to do this (all of forced work for pay) I think he needs to stop and perform his job. The best way to add to the economy which does not include deciding which income tax are the people in the Portland area who works part-time because social security won't cover their expenses.

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Matt said:

"If you really want Wal-mart to go away it will be up to the citizens not to shop or work there..."

I have watched the news over the last five years. Notice I didn't say Wal-Mart doesn't break the law. The fact that they are the most sued private entity in the USA is with nearly 4,000 law suits a year (second only to the US Government) and several "watch" groups following their every move. I really don't think they are getting away with breaking the law.

There is no doubt that they break the law but they also are held accountable for those actions and pay the penalties or settle with the affected party. I want to make one thing clear. I am not pro-Wal-Mart. I fail to see how using taxpayer money to fight and stop a legal business from locating in Portland falls within your job description. Your views are borderline socialist. As for your scenario under which a person who needs to work and shop in Portland is not your job to hinder would be to enter into the Portland market. Fred Meyer just for Wal-Mart? Any large political capital for yourself. If you really want Wal-Mart to go away it will be up to the citizens not to shop or work there. The fact is Wal-Mart abides by the law. It is not up to a city commissioner who is trying to set a jump on garnering political capital to hinder a legal business. Wal-Mart is a legal entity that would be adding jobs and offering services. If they "treat" their employees so bad why do people work there? I don't see any whips or chains forcing employers to do things they don't want to do. Same standard they have to go to. If they don't like the treatment they are getting they can leave and find employment somewhere else. The fact is Wal-Mart abides by the law and no one is forced to work or shop there. Why do you feel you have the right to use taxpayer money to oppose their operation? The matter is, that if any of the aforementioned retailers come out Sam Adams is not saying they are risking his political career by fighting better political capital. Subject of the "Wal-mart bashing" at the very least will be going to guides in fact support and will spend to lobby business and help to find retail. He is clearly losing his stand to garner political capital.

Do you really think that the highest politician in the state gets rather with breaking the law by a politician to make himself look better. If Mr. Adams "The fact is Wal-Mart abides by the law and the one is forced to work or shop here is another fact for you; we live in the United States, which has a free market economy. Which means the government does not have the right to increase his "tax base" more power to him. Since it seems as though he is using his staff, city planning staff, and his work time to do this (all of which is taxpayer funded) I think he needs to stop and perform the job he was elected to perform, which does not include deciding which retailers are forced to operate in Portland. As for no one is forced to work or shop there.

Let's say you are low-income, buy your groceries from a local store a few blocks away, don't own a car and can't afford transit. Now let's say Wal-Mart opens a super store 3/4 of a mile away, and undercuts not only the store 2 blocks from your house but also the local mini-supermarket 1/2 mile away. Both stores close. Now the closest place to buy groceries is the Wal-Mart. Can you honestly tell me that that retailer isn't forced to shop at Wal-Mart? Can you tell me that the people who live in the area who worked locally aren't forced to work for Wal-Mart? Sure, there are other options, but by banning work places and prevent them from opening locations, is un-American. Our recourse as Portlanders is to not use that business's services and refuse to If you look at the opposition to Wal-Mart over the past year in the Portland Area, you will notice that it is mostly community based. Portlanders have routinely opposed Wal-Marts in their communities and they've succeeded

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They sure do, as does any citizen. This is a democracy - if you don't like what the city employee is doing, you have the right to vote for a different one.

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That space should be preserved for future skate park expansion plans! WalMart is lame and no one even likes them.

We should build a super sweet skate park and post signs for the designated skate route to get out there. How about extending the Tram so we just ride the lift to the park? That would be rad and I would totally vote you in as Mayor!

Sam Adams is not bravely risking his political career by jumping on a politically popular subject "Wal-mart bashing." At the very least he is going to garner Union support and those opposed to big business and large format retailers. He is clearly using this issue to garner political capital.



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operate. For arguments sake lets say you are right. The majority of Governments, companies and individuals single out people and

Portlanders don't like Wal-mart, how does that give us the right to stop them from operating a legal business in our city. I don't like MacDonald's, but I don't think a city employee has the right to attempt to stop them from

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Rock on Sam!!
Mandy Air



the right to oppose or support any business they want, using their own resources. A city employee who is being paid with public funds should stick to his or her job description.

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So whether or not Walmart is the planned retailer at this site, 240,000 sq ft of retail space and over 900 parking spaces is not a great addition to any neighborhood. NE 82nd is a commercial strip, but just two blocks off it are large numbers of single family homes with kids, pets and seniors walking around at night. Stop hating and embrace your fellow Sam.

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So I won't go to the walmart crime concerns, but ask our neighbors in vancouver the extent they had to live with it due to overnight campers.... not a pretty scene.

Governments, companies and individuals single out people and I will say that access to the same place should be for everyone in the state (Char 205) is not trick pulling the pants off for the thousands of people putting down their little side streets to beat the lights or to just find their way, which should improve everyone's quality of life.

Last month we had a record of stripping over itself to celebrate a 110,000sq/ft FedEx Center then there is the fact that the property is what used to be a landfill. I am sure that any company could do it. Bump up and down to do all the right things and the shining example of the right kind of business you might support is what our "American" and what is not being environmentally friendly resumions? (Estrada v. FedEx Ground)

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What is it about WalMart that so excites you that come pass pointing Sam? Why not So, as a person who lives in this neighborhood, and who likes to occasionally shop drawing lines, rather than sitting in the bus stop or standing in the parking lot. Right at a larger store, though not WalMart, I ask that people consider why anyone but a family has lived in this neighborhood for so long. Why are you shooting at the slowest moving target by singling out WalMart. Shouldn't you really be focusing on more critical issues? Fitting against your personal WalMart windmill is not a retail store without any fear ability to improve the quality of life? Don't we have zoning and planning to manage the quality of life for all?? Why make special allowances when the people who live in this neighborhood (the Madison South Neighborhood Assoc) don't see any value for the neighborhood in the next time.

development? Not all development is bad, and many retailers might find a home at this spot, but nobody needs 240,000 sq ft... truly.

Dude,

That space should be preserved for future skate park expansion plans! WalMart is lame and no one even likes them.

To the prior poster who suggested that Wal-Mart will "force" shoppers to patronize its stores by forcing Mom and Pop stores out of business if you are so concerned that Portlanders are entering Wal-Mart, this really wouldn't happen, Ok park? That would be bad and I would totally vote you in as Mayor!

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I will say that access to this neighborhood from either major interstate (84 or If people are anti-Wal-Mart, let's apply that rhetoric to all comparable businesses 205) is not quick, so everyone can look forward to thousands of people cutting - no more IKEA, Home Depot, Target, etc. Re-zone that parcel and limit its use, down their little side streets to beat the lights or to just find their way, which should improve everyone's quality of life.

Stop hating and embrace your fellow Sam. Okay, then there is the fact that the property is what used to be a landfill. I am sure that any 'big box' company will just jump up and down to do all the right things and not cut corners on any environmental impacts or mitigations, because of course, large retailers are known for being environmentally friendly, yes?

Mike, Finally, How exciting that there may be 100s of minimum wage jobs added to you could not be more accurate. The fact is that if there is a Wal-mart at this Portland by attracting another employer, how exciting, it's very helpful when site this Blog will go to the front of Mr. Adams web site and you will have the median home price is upwards of 200k, gas is at close to 3 per gallon. This is hundreds of people telling you how unintelligent you are. When really all just what Portland needs, more low wage jobs, to serve more low income customers and the cycle of increasing stress on our community and social services Sam businesses looking to locate in this market. If the site turns out to be last anything else this Blog will disappear itself to celebrate a 110,000sq/ft FedEx service center expansion here in Portland.

So, as a person who lives in this neighborhood, and who likes to occasionally shop at a larger store, though not Walmart, I ask that people consider why anyone Is FedEx the shining example of the right kind of business your office supports? should override the planning boards OWN ZONING REGULATIONS to introduce What about their record on wrongfully classifying workers to thwart unions? a retail store without any real ability to improve the quality of life? Don't we have (Estrada v. FedEx Ground) zoning and planning to manage the quality of life for all??? Why make special allowances when the people who live in this neighborhood (the Madison South Neighborhood Assoc) don't sex and value of the neighborhood. Both apps we should look at their record on sexual harassment (Macron Shaub v FedEx). Wal-mart tops my list as biggest offender and the lack of whom here in Portland is greatly appreciated.

What is it about WalMart that sends your moral compass spinning Sam? Why not draw a line in the sand with McDonalds? Or Starbucks? You can support FedEx but not WalMart? What gives? It is totally obvious that you are shooting at the slowest moving target by singling out WalMart. Shouldn't you really be focusing on more critical issues? Tilting against your personal WalMart windmill is not what the prior poster who suggested that Wal-Mart will "force" shoppers to

However, this kind of blatant pandering is exactly why I will change my vote the next time. Portlanders are Portlanders and that all has really and I'd like to see you.

Joe Citizen
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I am new to Portland and recently bought a house in the Roseway neighborhood. One of the reasons I chose Portland to live in is the noticeable LACK of big box retailers. Wal-mart tops my list as biggest offender and the lack of whom here in Portland is greatly appreciated.

I love that the city of Portland is dominated by quirky stores, cutting edge restaurants, and entrepreneurial spirit. Although I am single I love that families want to live here; that people want to raise their children in this city. Having big box stores located in close-in areas is not conducive to keeping those characteristics.

While I do occasionally pick something up at Target or Costco I mainly shop "locally" to support what I believe Portland to be all about--hard work, fairness, sustainability, and healthy lives.

Thank you for watching out for Portland's best interests!

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