

Costco Commercial Center DEIR Public Comments  
July 16, 2023 through July 22, 2023

**From:** [Sharon HENSON](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco plans  
**Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 7:09:19 PM

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I'm very concerned what this will do to the peace in our neighborhoods. I've been here for thirty years on Sandrini Ave. This is a quiet and peaceful area. If Spruce Ave is opened for traffic to go through to Riverside Drive and connect the road Arthur as it is proposed this would change the our neighborhood negatively. We don't want to see Spruce Ave opened up. I'm also concerned about all the Pumps and the car wash at the north end by the golf course. All the cars idling to get gas at the pumps and your proposing so many of them plus a car wash will impact not only our back yard air quality but the ponding basin with all wildlife that inhabits there. Shouldn't the pumps and car wash be put next to Herndon Ave? please respond to my concerns. Sharon Henson 559-360-6370

**From:** [Jeannette Correa](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco  
**Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 12:50:14 PM

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Hello my name is Jeannette my Concern of Relocating Costco to Herndon is the traffic. We already have lots of traffic Evenings. My son Attends Rio vista and there is major traffic after school. Bullard turns into riverside and the street turns into one lane and its major traffic. Please don't relocate Costco to Herndon. Please take your time to drive on Herndon and 99 turning rush hour and drive down riverside Which turns into Bullard after kids get out of school around 3:00pm. Thank you for your time. Sincerely jeannette correa

**From:** [Alana Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Nee Costco location  
**Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 8:30:35 PM

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Dear Mr. Valenzuela,

My name is Alana Lewis and I live near the Costco Shaw location. I shop at this location as well. I have been asking management there, for years to please expand! The store is not big enough to serve the community on the west side of Fresno. The parking is a nightmare! Trying to get gas is insane as it's ALWAYS congested at the entrance on N Blythe (in and out). Shaw and Blythe is always congested as it is because of the railroad crossing. That's a conversation for another day, ONLY two lanes on each side of Shaw! Ugh. Anyway, thank you for letting me give my input. Have a blessed evening!

Respectfully, Alana L Lewis  
3694 N State St, Fresno, CA 93722  
(559) 314-4281

**From:** [David or Lin Faeth](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** New Costco on Shaw  
**Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 10:24:39 PM

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Hi - I know Costco Corp runs a very tight ship but I wonder if they shouldn't take local climate into consideration with each new store.

It's HOT here! How about planting more and larger trees?

How about coating the parking lot with that heat reflective sealant that LA is using?

How about building low 2 storey parking garages topped with solar panels instead of paving vast parking lots? They'd better be planning to cover their giant flat roof space with solar panels as well!

This huge company needs to become a bigger part of local solutions than just generally reducing carbon emissions (as touted by their Co. website).

Sincerely,

Linnea and David Faeth  
4325 W. Fremont Ave.  
Fresno 93722  
240-0625

**From:** [HABELLION Agnes](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bureau d'aide  
**Date:** Sunday, July 16, 2023 10:29:42 PM

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**From:** [Rey Alvarez](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco Opposition  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:47:42 AM

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Hello Sir,

I saw your email address in the Fresno Bee. I am writing to express my vehement displeasure with the proposal of the new Costco on Herndon Ave. I have lived off of Grantland Ave for 10 years and in the last few years the traffic has become unbearable. A drive that should take 15 min takes me 25-30 minutes because of the traffic both on Herndon and on Grantland.

The addition of a new Costco will only compound the traffic issues. Not only do we have to deal with a train that causes major traffic issues, we have high speed rail that has caused issues and now a potential Costco. Is the city punishing us for living in this area? Have city officials driven on Shaw near the Costco and seen the traffic mess?

I don't even have time to mention all the environmental issues that a Costco may cause. I am being sarcastic, but pollution isn't an issue in the valley. If a Costco is built, we will more than likely move.

Respectfully,

Rey Alvarez

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tj Atwal](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Herndon Costco  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:50:25 AM

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Hello, my name is Tj. I live in nearby neighborhoods. I don't think Costco should be allowed to move here, and rezone existing zonings. The traffic is already beyond bad during school hours and 5 o'clock rush. We have 8 gas stations in the area less than 1-2 mile, allowing them to put a 32 pump gas station that undercuts local gas stations causes significant damage to them. Will have cars sitting for hours at the station waiting to pump gas, and can potentially put other established businesses out of their primary income causing them to foreclose/bankrupt. Meaning eye sores or hard to redevelop sites. The two gas stations across the street are brand new developments, allowing Costco to do' car wash & gas station would be allowing a monopoly in the city of Fresno & ruin neighborhoods allowing a giant to control the city for profits.



**From:** [Shahzaib Zaman](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 11:58:37 AM

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Moving Costco to Herndon will create issues for school buses, students , traffic, student theft already , congestion,

Not a smart plan  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Claudia Readwright](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Will it be Cycle-friendly at the future Costco?  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 12:12:38 PM

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Dear City supervising planner,  
My wish is for a trike-friendly Costco.  
I regularly shop at Costco. 90% of the time I ride my trike. Currently there isn't a bike rack ...so, friends and I are forced to lock our cycles to the shopping cart corral. (which isn't ideal)  
As you can see from this photograph, shopping at Costco on a cycle is possible. I just wish it was more cycle-friendly.  
When planning... I would sure appreciate you keeping cyclists in mind.  
Thank you,  
Claudia READWRIGHT



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**From:** [SUSAN HANSEN](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** new costco  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 2:55:52 PM

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hi I am excited! I live in Madera and heard whispers of this awhile back, just taping my toe waiting for it to get started. Make it happen. just put multiple entrance exits and the traffic will turn out. Can we get to it from the new ramps being built just south of there on 99?

Excited in Madera!

Susan Hansen

**From:** [Sharon Ross](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 3:49:59 PM

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I object to the additional pollution and congestion this will bring to my home area. Semi trucks delivering all hours of day and night.  
Sharon Ross

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Denise. King](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Against Costco at Herndon & Riverside  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 5:00:09 PM

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Please submit this email on my behalf as a written public comment AGAINST the development of the Costco super center at Herndon & Riverside in northwest Fresno.

To disrupt this area of homes with young families by adding the environmental impact of not only the magnitude of traffic this will bring of just shoppers but the amount of delivery trucks starting in the wee hours of the morning and gasoline delivery trucks, as well as fumes and hazards from the emissions of these vehicles is just unthinkable. Young families and retirees, such as ourselves moved into this area because of the homes, the parks and the distance from the massive commercial development such as this planned Costco, not because they were going to be living next-door to a massive retail giant and gasoline station. The increase traffic will create a major safety concern for all the children to catch school buses and have to walk to and from their school bus pick ups and drop off with the amount of traffic it will be generated. As well as the large number of elderly people who do walk in this area will not be able to because of the volume of traffic. The pollution, the dust, and the safety concerns will take away our daily ability for that exercise, and that enjoyment that we have been able to have since we have lived here. It is not right, but the city with this development will have the power to take away from our ability to continue to live our own healthy daily, lives by performing our daily outdoor activities

There are just too many other areas where you do not have homes immediately next-door, where this Costco could be developed in the Fresno area. Please give serious serious consideration to our plea to find a better solution.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Denise King  
7386 N Lacey Dr  
831-233-4320

**From:** [Vern Valmonte](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Riverside drive Costco  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:15:52 AM

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Hello,

I am voicing my concerns about the proposed Costco location on Riverside Drive in NW Fresno. As it is currently we have a abundance of traffic violators such as speeding and failure to stop at the stop sign at Spruce and Riverside. Adding a Costco location will increase the traffic through this area and subsequently increase the traffic violations; not to mention the traffic impact on the Herndon eastbound thoroughfair as it has only two lanes.

Another concern is the current amount of the unhoused population in the area. Will adding a Costco increase the amount of unhoused and vagrants roaming our area?

Thank you for taking time to hear from us.

Sincerely,

Vernon Valmonte

**From:** [DOLORES](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:37:36 PM

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Horrors! Bigger is not better. Seniors like myself are overwhelmed by the enormous, confusing size of mega stores. We become the central figure looking for one single item without a clue where it might be located. Of course, there are no employees visible to assist you on your search.

As I ruminate about the size and location of a new Costco, I simply will state NO, NO, NO & NO. It's great for residents living in the Herndon/Riverside location. (I currently live at West & Barstow & will then shop at the Blackstone store) I will not be in my present location by the time the new Costco is open. At ages 93 and 96, my husband & I will have moved on to a wonderful, new life in Heaven. Shopping at Costco will not be an issue.

Accessability to gas at the Shaw Avenue location is a wise decision. I utilize this service regularly and would not travel the extra 3 + miles to the Herndon location for gas and groceries.

Since I am not a Fresno Bee subscriber, I will have to follow this through items posted on internet. I realize this development will not be completed for quite some time in the future.

Sincerely,

Dolores Davidian  
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559 439-0888  
[doloresdavidian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doloresdavidian@sbcglobal.net)



**From:** [Teresa Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 2:07:25 PM

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Hello. I am a resident here in Fresno. I live off of Herndon and Milburn Ave. I would like to add my comment in the future Costco. I would absolutely love having their business in that location.

Thank you

Teresa Sanchez

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matthew Schellenberg](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Biggest Costco  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 3:15:21 PM

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I heard about the new Costco being planned on Herndon and 99 in Fresno. Make it happen dude!

Matthew Schellenberg  
Fresno resident

**From:** [wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** New Costco  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 5:15:48 PM

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Would like to see report and make comments. Thanks  
William Duane Peverill  
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**From:** [Lorraine Arrington](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco new warehouse  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 5:44:59 PM

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Please sir, don't let them come to this city, or Clovis. 3 Costcos are enough. We don't want to put all our other choices for groceries out of business.

Why not open a huge farmers market with bread, cheese, produce and other things instead of mass produced products like what costco sells??

Thank you,  
Lorraine

**From:** [Dr. Danielle Biggs](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** NEW COSTCO  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 5:55:59 PM

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I ***STRONGLY OPPOSE*** building such a large Costco! I bought a home to quietly retire in, instead I have ended up with 3 housing developments being built in a space meant for one, wildlife that whose habitats don't seem to be considered, as they are driven from their home and into my back yard, increased traffic, no sidewalks for kids walking to school, drag racing ***AT LEAST 4-6 TIMES A WEEK***, a homeless population that hasn't been dealt with, not to mention being ***burglarized for the 4th time*** since I moved here! Now I am going to have to fight increased traffic for a store that isn't even accessible to ***ALL FRESNO*** residents due to membership cost?!? Instead of being the biggest Costco, why don't our reps look into why we are soon going to have to pay for free TV?

**Broadcasters to Encrypt ATSC 3.0 Signals - How it Impacts Free OTA TV)**

***(Dr. Danielle Biggs***

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*"I was put on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind I will never die".*

*--Calvin and Hobbes*

As Kurt Vonnegut wrote, "And so it goes..."

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

--Maya Angelou

**From:** [Holden Markwith](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** New Costco  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 6:57:17 PM

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Hello Jose,

I'm writing you about the new Costco being built near Herndon/99. I am a resident that lives in the neighborhood nearby at 7026 N Rumi Ave. I purchased this home in 2019. This neighborhood is already extremely hostile with traffic and lack of trees, lack of walkable spaces, and no nearby parks. Building a Costco here is a terrible idea. It's too close to homes and many schools. I really hope that you have the power to reconsider this decision as it will be harmful to your local community. If this can't be stopped please ask Costco to build a gate for our neighborhood. They should give back to our community if they are going to be changing things for the people that live here.

Thank you for your consideration,

Holden Markwith

559-284-2720

**From:** [David Scott](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Costco in Northwest Fresno  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 8:22:54 AM

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Dear Mr. Valenzuela:

I want to object to the plans to build a huge Costco business complex across Herndon Avenue from the Marketplace shopping center in northwest Fresno. Marketplace already draws a lot of traffic and Herndon avenue is currently too congested. I live near Herndon Avenue and have grown tired of the increased traffic noise and pollution. So I would like to have the new Costco located somewhere else, like on Highway 41 around the San Joaquin River.

Please register my objection to this project.

Sincerely,

David Scott  
4131 W. Wathen Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93722



**From:** [Amy Siliznoff](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Comment Regarding Expanded Northwest Costco  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 8:29:09 AM

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Hi Jose,

I'm reaching out to provide comments regarding the expanded northwest Costco. If this project is implemented, traffic would be a concern for this area. The railroad traffic is already backed up, especially during morning hours around 8AM and afternoon hours around 5PM. If this project is implemented, an overpass over the railroad on herndon would need to be constructed, otherwise traffic will be 10x worse for this area.

Amy Siliznoff

**From:** [Betty Williams](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** New Costco on Riverside Drive  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 1:35:46 PM

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This area desperately need the larger store, we moved here 15 yrs ago & the traffic on Shaw is backed up to Polk trying to get to Costco. Everyone shop there for gas prescriptions & food. The new Costco would offer enough gas pumps & parking spaces that would solve a huge problem for all of us. My grandson go to Rio Vista Middle School , it's no where near the Costco site. I've never seen children walking to or from school in that area. Veterans Blvd will help with a lot of the traffic some are complaining about . They don't like change but it's too late we have new communities that's already built & more to come. We're proud residents that welcome the change & can hardly wait for it to open. We're waiting for the under pass on West Shaw & Golden State next

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Jensen Vang](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** North Fresno Costco Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 5:57:00 PM

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Jose, my property on 6172 w Hudson Dr Fresno Ca 93722 will be impacted by Costco's new store. I do not support this plan as traffic is and was and has been difficult and congested. Adding the train when it makes is 1000x more congested, especially plus the large amount of traffic Costco brings will be a disaster. Please do not move forward with this plan. Costco deserves an open and wide area in the west to expand beyond its limits. Just not in Herndon. Bus and student safety will be jeopardized. School traffic on River middle school was already another problem that we were experiencing with congested traffic. This plan is a disaster.

Resident

Jensen 5593496943

**From:** [Melody Wolverton](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** Costco  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 7:52:46 PM

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I think this is a great idea, provided they employ first time Costco employees instead of moving and transferring existing employees to this new Costco. I would be supportive of that!

Thanks for your time

Melody Wolverton

Resident of 93722

**From:** [AT&T ONLINE SERVICE](#)  
**To:** [Jose Valenzuela](#)  
**Subject:** New Costco Project  
**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 9:07:44 PM

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It is too bad that the city of Fresno does not take its citizens concerns seriously. I have lived in Fresno basically all my life, went to local schools and am a graduate of Fresno State. My husband and I have traveled extensively and have seen what other communities have developed in their cities that make sense and again Fresno has great potential, but it seems we take one step forward and two steps back. I read the information you provided, but the Costco project that was noted in the Fresno Bee article stated it was a proposal and NOT final. Again, the information you sent sounds like it is going to happen no matter what the community wants. I am so happy that I do not live in the area, but again I thought I would share my thoughts with you. I hope everything goes well for the families who have children when they have to navigate through the additional traffic going and returning from school. My husband tells me it really does not concern us, but I thought I would send this anyway.