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Culver City School Board
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Dear School Board,

I am writing to you about my concerns regarding the proposed 7-11 Convenience store at the corner of Sepulveda & Braddock. Many of my neighbors along with Pam and I went to a meeting set up by the City to allow the corporation that owns 7-11 to inform the surrounding neighbors about their plans. More than 50 residents who showed up for the meeting and **no one** was in favor of a 24-hour 7-11 convenience store at that location.

The corporation spokesperson could not answer several question. One of our main questions was “what does a 7-11 store bring to our neighborhood that will benefit it?” There was no reply.

The question was asked, “ If the store can’t sell alcohol will the plans go forward?” We did get an answer to that question, NO! That is one deal breaker we know about already.

As you may know there are many students who

walk by that location and many frequent the Taco Bell across the street. The availability to alcohol, cigarettes, and junk and more fast food is not good for our school kids and even though there are restrictions of age to some products, we should not put these unhealthy items in our kid's paths, because they will end up being consumed by students.

As school board members I ask you to help us in our purpose of finding a more wholesome use for the location that is so close to our school age residents daily paths.

There has been much talk about community gardens, parking, affordable housing and other concerns in Culver City. Now is a great opportunity to change directions toward a sensible use of this land. If the ground were actually clean, then a community garden would make a real statement. A basketball court, affordable housing, teen-learning center, a parking lot for local employees, park & ride location even a really good mom & pop pizza or Italian restaurant would be great.

This land has been contaminated for years and I hope that we can keep it from contaminating our youth and neighborhood. This glut of abandon gas stations is a national concern and I understand that there is some federal money out there.

I hope we can make a good example with this property use by working for the best possible solution.

Thanks for your attention in advance,
Sincerely,
Pam & Richard Rownak