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I am writing about the proposed zone changes to the Home Depot Master Plan of Development.

I am specifically writing in opposition to the proposed car wash for pad 3. The sketch appears to show a drive through type of car wash. If this is the case, it seems to me that a drive through car wash is most inappropriate for a residential neighborhood since drive through car washes have powerful blowers for car drying and these blowers create a tremendous noise. And this site is indeed a residential neighborhood; there are five houses immediately north of pad 3 and another dozen or so houses in close proximity. Even a car wash without a powerful drive through blower would create considerable noise from the car vacuums. Either type of car wash would severely impact the quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood adjacent to pad 3 due to excessive noise generation. There should not be a car wash on pad three.

I do not have objection to development of pad one or two and, in fact, welcome development of those sites if for no other reason than they would clean up those vacant lots and beautify the neighborhood, eliminate overnight campers, and possibly even decrease the number of homeless encampments adjacent to the Springhill Suites property.

I have heard that pad one will be occupied by a Chick-fil-A restaurant. It is my understanding that these restaurants do create a high volume of traffic much like the traffic we see on San Anselmo at the site of the In-N-Out Burger restaurant. What a mess that is. It does concern me that this amount of traffic would adversely impact the already confusing freeway exit and on ramp at San Ramon and the already confusing intersection at San Ramon and El Camino Real. Careful thought should be given to locating a high traffic volume business on pad one and at a minimum careful planning of traffic flow is of great importance for this site.

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