

Do you feel a discount store in the old CVS building would ADD value to YOUR quality of life in the West End?

Resoponse	Count of Email
no	101
no-opinion	12
yes	15
Grand Total	128

Does the LACK of a discount store in the old CVS building (or in the neighborhood) create a HARDSHIP for you?

Response	Count of Email
no	123
no-opinion	2
yes	3
Total	128

Do you feel a discount store in the old CVS building would ADD value to YOUR quality of life in the West End?

1. There's uncertainty about what a discount store entails, with acknowledgment that its value depends on various
2. CVS is appreciated for serving the community, but some see a discount store as potentially beneficial, while others oppose it, believing it's the last thing the West End needs.
3. Concerns include high prices for low-quality products, over-packaging, and the perception of declining neighborhoods associated with discount stores.
4. Some express reluctance to patronize discount stores due to treatment of employees and negative impacts on local businesses and community identity.
5. Suggestions for alternatives include local businesses, a hardware store, bakery, or fresh produce vendor.
6. Concerns about discount stores' impact on the neighborhood's aesthetics, safety, and economic health are
7. Preference for a grocery store, wellness center, or other community-oriented businesses.
8. Recognition of the need for fresh, healthy food options and support for local businesses.
9. Opposition to discount stores due to concerns about their effects on the neighborhood's value, quality of life,
10. Suggestions for higher-end retailers/restaurants and creative use of the space to enhance the community.
11. Some acknowledge the potential convenience of a discount store for certain residents but prioritize supporting local businesses and quality of life.
12. Suggestions for a different type of retail store in the building, such as Target Express or a junior Walmart, rather
13. Concerns about parking availability and the potential negative impact of a discount store on the neighborhood's aesthetics and economic viability.
14. Emphasis on supporting the local economy and avoiding businesses with histories of labor violations, prioritizing the well-being of employees and local businesses.

Overall, there's a diverse range of opinions, with many expressing opposition to a discount store due to concerns about its impact on the neighborhood's character, economy, and well-being. Suggestions for alternatives include locally-owned businesses that contribute positively to the community.

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1. Preference for pedestrian-friendly commerce over fast-food chains and discount stores to enhance community investment and attract residents and visitors.
2. Recognition of privilege in access to transportation and willingness to defer to neighbors' needs for a discount store if it benefits them.
3. Concerns about the negative impacts of discount stores on communities, such as low-paying jobs, limited healthy options, and traffic congestion.
4. Suggestions for alternative uses of the space, including housing, wellness centers, or local markets.
5. Opposition to discount stores and support for local businesses to preserve community identity and economic vitality.
6. Concerns about traffic, crime, and decreased property values associated with discount stores.
7. Emphasis on supporting local businesses and avoiding the proliferation of low-quality goods.
8. Desire for businesses that add value to the neighborhood and improve its aesthetics and appeal.
9. Recognition of the lack of quality businesses in the neighborhood and the need for diverse retail options.
10. Consideration of the impact of discount stores on public health and community well-being.

11. Inquiry about potential tenants and efforts to utilize the space for community-oriented purposes.
12. Critique of the survey question's framing and suggestion for a more balanced approach to assessing the impact of discount stores.
13. Acknowledgment of personal mobility and access to alternative discount stores nearby.
14. Emphasis on considering the needs of all residents in determining the suitability of a discount store in the neighborhood.

Additional Comments

The responses express a range of opinions on the idea of introducing a discount store, particularly in the former CVS location. Some argue against it, citing concerns about its impact on the community, such as potential negative effects on local businesses, traffic congestion, and the overall neighborhood aesthetic. Others express support, highlighting the convenience it could offer to residents without personal transportation and the potential benefit to families looking for affordable options. Additionally, there are suggestions for alternative uses of the space, such as housing, restaurants, or locally-owned businesses that align more closely with community values. There's also discussion about the role of WECA in influencing development decisions and the need for thoughtful planning to revitalize the neighborhood. Overall, the responses reflect a desire for solutions that enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the West End.