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**To:** "NJOHNSON@LAKE-ELSINORE.ORG" <NJOHNSON@LAKE-ELSINORE.ORG>  
**Sent:** Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 9:07 AM  
**Subject:** Objection to gas station on Lake and Mountain street

Dear council members of Lake Elsinore,

I am unable to attend the March 12th meeting at 7pm. Therefore, I am emailing in regards to the gas station, convenience store, car wash, quick service restaurant that is proposed to be built on Mountain and Lake Street.

My name is Mary. I am in district 4. I moved into my home on Noblewood street June 15th 2023. I would not have moved into my house if a gas station was directly across from my house. Here are my concerns.

**Drug addicts:** I worry about the homeless and drug addicts it would attract. Being so close to houses, I worry about the wrong kind of people coming into my neighborhood. When I introduced myself to my neighbor, she told me Lake Elsinore was the "Meth capital of California." When I go out into our city, I can see what she means. Especially, around gas stations and convenience stores.

**Decrease in Property Value:** "Gas stations typically have a negative effect on property values. They are often considered to be eyesores, and can create noise and air pollution. Additionally, they can be associated with crime, which can further lower property values." (<https://www.lng2019.com/the-impact-of-gas-stations-on-home-value/>)

**Health Hazards:** Gasoline contains benzene. A known carcinogen. "The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that benzene causes cancer in humans. Long-term exposure to high levels of benzene in the air can cause leukemia, cancer of the blood-forming organs. The air around hazardous waste sites or gas stations can contain higher levels of benzene than in other areas." (CDC.org) "A recent study conducted by a team of environmental health scientists from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health found that many of the nation's gas stations are leaking potentially hazardous vapors into the surrounding environment. Gas stations can have a significantly adverse impact on neighboring housing complexes, especially neighborhoods with young children. Despite the convoluted array of modern safety and health guidelines that gas stations must follow, these fossil fuel-selling businesses can emit high levels of ground-level ozone from gasoline fumes, impact groundwater systems from leaking fuel tanks, and expose nearby residents to a number of other hazards from other chemicals that might be used at a fuel station (Scientific American, 2009)." <https://fossilfuel.com/is-it->

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Traffic: Another concern is the traffic it would bring. Lake street going toward Mountain Street is a one lane street. Cars going in and out of a multi building parking lot are sure to bring traffic jams to those of us who are just wanting to get home.

I ask you please reconsider putting a gas station and convenience store on the corner of Mountain and Lake Street.

Thank you for your time,  
Mary

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