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## ***New Poll Shows Vast Majority of East Patchogue Residents Support New Wal-Mart Store 64 Percent in Favor of Pending Proposal***

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***East Patchogue, NY (February 3, 2009)*** – A poll of East Patchogue residents conducted last week shows an overwhelming 64 percent support a new Wal-Mart store proposed to be located at the intersection of Hospital Road and Sunrise Highway. The poll was conducted January 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> by Voter/Consumer Research for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (Margin of Error  $\pm$  5.7%). Other results included:

- 58% of respondents indicated that Wal-Mart is a valuable member of the communities where they are located.
- When asked what concerned them most from a given list of issues in the area, the highest responses were taxes (47 percent) and the economy (45 percent).
- A majority of respondents (56 percent) said growth and development in the area is about right, while 21% said it was too high and 19% said it was too low.
- 58% felt grocery prices in the area are too high.

According to Wal-Mart spokesperson Philip Serghini, the company looks forward to better serving Patchogue. “East Patchogue residents have spoken and the vast majority clearly want to see a Wal-Mart built here. In addition to the poll results, we have met with a number of residents and organizations, and hundreds more have already signed up as supporters of the proposed store. We are excited about this strong showing of support and look forward to working with officials and the community to build this store.”

If approved, the proposed East Patchogue Wal-Mart will pay tens of thousands of dollars in local property taxes annually and is expected to create approximately 200-250 jobs. The average wage for regular full-time hourly associates in New York is \$11.60/hour, and both full-time and part-time Wal-Mart associates are eligible for benefits including medical, 401(k), profit sharing, stock purchases, and bonus incentives. In FYE 2008, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. also spent over \$14 billion for merchandise and services with its 2,579 suppliers statewide, including over \$823 million spent with its more than 400 suppliers on Long Island.

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