

Local Residents Announce Formation of “East Patchogue for Wal-Mart”

“Hundreds of supporters signed up so far, and support is growing”

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East Patchogue, NY (February 9, 2009) - A group of local East Patchogue residents today announced the formation of “East Patchogue for Wal-Mart.” The group supports building a new Wal-Mart at the corner of Hospital Road and Sunrise Highway. “We have received so much positive feedback and support in the community already,” said Luella Prehn, the group’s leader. “Hundreds of community members have already signed up in support of the new store.” The group is working to educate more residents about the proposed plans over the coming weeks.

A recent poll released by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. showed 64% of East Patchogue residents support the new store. According to Matty Stewart, long time East Patchogue resident, “I am not surprised. People I have spoken to are very excited about having a Wal-Mart here. For many of us, particularly senior citizens, traveling to other towns to shop is difficult, and given the economy, they welcome the savings and convenience a Wal-Mart provides, not to mention the jobs.”

As for the organizations that oppose a new Wal-Mart, “I understand there are different opinions on this issue,” Prehn said, “but what really concerns me is opposition that is being organized by people who do not live here in Patchogue and simply do not like Wal-Mart. In my opinion, they have their own agenda. We felt it was important to form a group giving local residents an opportunity to voice their views in support of the proposed store.”

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