

Temple Terrace residents bash Wal-Mart before Zoning Board

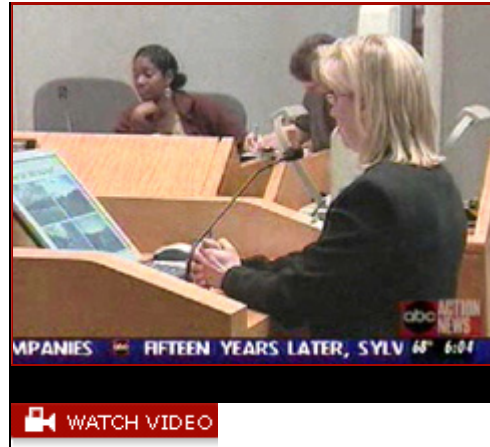
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TAMPA - Another bay area neighborhood is gearing up to fight a proposed Wal-Mart.

Temple Terrace successfully stopped Wal-Mart from building a store inside city limits several years ago. Now, the retailer is trying to build on a piece of property off Temple Terrace Highway that is technically in the county, though it relies on Temple Terrace infrastructure.

Wal-Mart owns the land but needs to change the zoning to commercial in order to build a 210,000-square-foot superstore.



Over a dozen people stayed late Monday night to tell the county Zoning Board that they don't want a Wal-Mart near their homes.

"If this shopping center is approved and built, it will stick out like a sore thumb in an area that is known for its quiet residential feel, no matter how you sugarcoat it," one resident stated.

Wal-Mart believes its plan presented to the Zoning Board answers residents' complaints about traffic and lifestyle, but until the board rules, the project is on hold.

The city of Temple Terrace has indicated that they would like to see the residential trend continue in the area, and they may consider annexing the land over the next few years.