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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Kristie R. Baley *KB*
Date: May 17, 2013
Subject: Opposition of AB 667 (Hernandez) Land Use: Development
Project Review: Superstores

Item # 3H

Discussion:

Council was contacted by Michelle Farley of the Dolphin Group who stated that she has worked on behalf of Walmart in Tulare County on efforts to open and expand new stores and that she is currently working with the California Retailers Association to build a coalition against AB667. Her comments are shown below.

"The Chair of the Assembly Labor Committee, Assembly-Member Roger Hernandez (D-West Covina), has introduced AB 667, which creates another layer of bureaucracy for local governments by requiring large retail projects to obtain yet another economic impact and community impact report before receiving approval. These reports go above and beyond what is already required by state law, which currently provides for extensive public input and local decision-making."

"This bill is very similar to the measure introduced by Senator Juan Vargas in 2011 (SB469), which some Lemoore Council Members did oppose and joined a coalition. The 2011 version of this bill was strongly opposed by a broad-based coalition of leaders throughout California, including local officials, business groups, food banks, tax organizations, and agricultural groups and we expect a similar coalition to activate to oppose this re-run. With the Lemoore City Council's help Governor Brown vetoed SB 469 and we are hoping we can call you on you again to do the same thing."

Ms. Farley has requested to list the Lemoore City Council as opposed to AB667.

Budget Impact:

None

Recommendation:

That the Council, by motion, approve the request to be listed as Opposed to AB667.