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Ms. Marni von Wilpert

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Dear Councilmember von Wilpert,

I am writing to you to make you aware of the goings-on in District 5 of the City of San Diego. Currently, Poway Unified School District (PUSD) board of trustees is entertaining a land lease with Costco. The proposed land is most unfitting of a Costco as this property borders the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) which provides essential habitat for wildlife and trails enjoyed by many San Diegans.  A Costco or other big box store would destroy the community. Additionally, PUSD did not follow state education code and involve the community in the determination of the best use of this land.

I am asking that you or a representative from your office visit this property site to recognize the unique nature of it. The site is surrounded by natural beauty, homes and churches and is situated in a dark sky community. A big box or warehouse store with lights, noise and heavy truck and automobile traffic would have a significantly adverse impact on this area.

This is the wrong use of this land.

How can you help the surrounding community – *your constituents* – combat this project? Please let PUSD know you do not agree with this project in your district and expect a better use of this property taking the proper steps as spelled out in the education code.

We need to rely on your help! We thank you in advance.

Best regards,