[EXTERNAL] Proposed smoke shop zoning change

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The effort to rezone smoke shops is a waste of time and tax payer dollars. With so many pressing issues in the city, this effort seems out of touch and more like a distraction than any real solution to any actual problem.

-Michael Montano

[EXTERNAL] Smoke Shop amendment proposal

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Emily Bauer. My children go to Renaissance Academy Tucson, a small school for children with disabilities and their siblings. The school is located at Randolph Plaza on 22nd Street between Columbus and Alvernon.

Last year the management of the shopping center moved a smoke shop directly next door to my children's school. My elementary student can smell incense and candles from the shop, which isn't the main issue.

The main issue is the addicted/unhoused population standing, smoking, drinking alcohol and using drugs directly outside the school. I have filed a police report regarding blatant drug use (smoking a glass bulb pipe i assume to be crack). The rise in this population in proximity to our school has increased dramatically in the year since the smoke shop (TuffPuff) has moved next door. There is also a large encampment behind the shopping center and Carmax to the west.

I now volunteer twice a week as a greeter at the door to keep the population further away from the entrance of the school. My youngest child is afraid to walk in or out depending on who is loitering.

I am in favor of the proposal to keep smoke shops far away from schools.

Thank you,

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