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Citizen group launches in Tigard.

We are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the group “Tigard First”, in Tigard, Oregon.

This is the new incarnation of Tigard First, a group originally founded in 2006.

The focus of the original Tigard First group was the controversial proposed-development at the site of the new Tigard Walmart (7600 SW Dartmouth St.).

Despite repeated inquiries from citizens and businesses at the time, the City had denied that a Walmart was being planned there, and continued to do so until the development was announced as a Walmart superstore - and as a “done deal” - last year.

The lack of transparency from City leaders has been a great concern to many area residents and businesses.

Tigard First’s goal will be to help citizens concerned about local issues be better-informed, get-involved, and get-active in their local governments.

As we work on the Tigard Walmart issue, we find that there are numerous other issues in this area besides the Walmart-development that need added transparency & attention.

Tigard First represents the many Tigard-area residents who are concerned about livability issues in their communities – constant traffic congestion, air & water quality, crime, and a reduction in residential property values.

Tigard Mayor John L. Cook has stated that, “Tigard is built on small business”.

He recently made this statement at a Tigard Town Hall, where numerous citizens had attended to express concerns about the Walmart development. At that meeting, he then went-on to state that if the citizens don't like the Walmart or any other business, we can & should vote with our dollars.

While we are reasonably certain he was not endorsing our community-wide boycott of the new Tigard Walmart, you would need to ask him directly about that.

We certainly encourage you to engage the Tigard Mayor, City Council and Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce about the new Walmart and other developments, and whether or not their planned-future for Tigard actually includes support of “small business”.

This release is part of a soft-launch of the new Tigard First.

Over the next week or two you will begin seeing our signs around the area.

We will be working to build support for our local business community, and striving to help give a voice to the citizens who feel they have become voiceless in their own government.

Please get in touch with either of us anytime,

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-<http://sprawl-busters.com/>

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-http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/city_council/meet_council.asp (Tigard gov't)

-<http://www.tigardchamber.org/>

-<http://news.walmart.com/media> (Walmart corporate media-contact)