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Dear Planning Commissioners All,

I am sending my remarks electronically because I am not sure I can make them in person since they are about an agenda item for tonight's meeting. Too bad. I would like to read them aloud into the record.

Anyway, I was sad to learn of Dollar General's impending arrival in our town. I know there is one already in Yachats, just a few miles up the road.

Did you know that "According to research from Kansas State University, small-town grocers lose as much as 30% of sales when dollar stores open nearby. (September 25, 2019)" ?

Who cares, I know. The world is spinning out of control.

Here are the results of a google search called "Impact of Dollar Generals on small towns in Oregon."

https://www.google.com/search?q=the+impact+of+dollar+generals+on+small+towns+in+oregon&rlz=1C1VDKB_enUS1046US1046&oq=the+impact+of+dollar+generals+on+small+towns&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqBwgBECEYoAEyBggAEEUYOTIHCAEQIRigATIHCAIQIRigATIHCAIQIRiSAzIHCAQQIRiSAzIHCAUQIRiSAzIHCAQYQIRiSAzIHCAcQIRiSAzIHCAgQIRiSA9IBCTE3OTI2ajFqN6gCALACAA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Can't Florence have a recreation center with a climbing gym and a swimming pool, or a child care center, or an interpretive center where kids and adults can come to learn about all kinds of stuff, or an adult day health center so working people can have help with their aging relatives...instead of more minimum (or so) wage jobs that are all about consumption?

I don't like the movement toward continuing to turn Florence into another version of Gila Bend, Arizona, or DeSoto Illinois, or Troy, Montana. These are smaller towns where fast food and clean bathrooms line the banks of interstates and smaller highways. There are hundreds of them all over the country. Must Florence become another one?

I just had to say something.

Ivy Meadow