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Tell Commerce City No To A Truck Terminal at 104th and Hwy 2!

Petition by [Matthew Bryant](http://contact_creator.html?petition_id=112560) (/contact_creator.html?petition_id=112560)

To be delivered to Commerce City Officials

Now is the time to stand up to our elected officials and say, "enough is enough!" Little is being done to fulfill the wishes of the people. It is time to send a message that shows we are tired of excuses. We want results, and we are holding the city responsible for the lack of substantial development and the development occurring that does not further the ideals and image of the Northern Range of Commerce City. We are holding the director of economic development, the city manager, city council members, and the mayor responsible for their failure to produce results. While we witness other city's officials proactively seek businesses to fill the gaps of lost business revenue, our city and the elected and appointed officials repeatedly claim it is not their responsibility for seeking out companies. Instead, they place blame upon the developers and others and wait for development to come to them. They also cite as reasons for development failure as the lack of traffic numbers, the economic downturn, and an isolated location. Yet, at the same time in their own economic "flyer," they cite the benefits of location in this area, the thriving economics of Commerce City, and reveal the massive losses the Northern Range and all of Commerce City faces as a result of patrons seeking business outside the city. Now is the time to take action and seek out quality

business establishments that are not only lacking in the Northern and Core City but also the surrounding cities. There is absolutely no reason that with proper planning in infrastructure and business partnerships that we cannot be the beacon of development for surrounding communities and cities.

Most importantly, we strongly object to the proposed development of a “truck terminal” as found in the May 2016 development report found at the following website:
<https://www.c3gov.com/DocumentCenter/View/8187>.

This truck terminal is proposed to be placed at the southwest corner of 104th Ave and Highway 2. While the lack of development initiative is a problem, the lack of discernment and city planning regarding this issue is of greater concern.

*Please note this petition and the complaints contained within are not meant to disparage any great patron of the Commerce City Core or Northern Region or their family members or friends who are licensed CDL drivers. We understand that the residents of this great city are not the ones who are encompassed within the complaints stated forth. Rather, we admonish you for your service and hope that you realize the gravity of the situation of such an establishment. We hope you understand that due to the interconnectedness of CDL driver routes, the activity will more than likely occur from individuals residing beyond the borders of our city and state. It is this interconnectedness that also increases the difficulty of bringing the perpetrators of such actions to justice.

A truck terminal carries with it many negatives and produces no positives for the patrons of the Northern Range. The following are the legitimate and established factual complaints:

1) A truck terminal is a known hotbed for licentious criminal activity to include but not limited to the following: illicit drug activity, underage prostitution and sex trafficking, encouragement of prostitution, rape, and murder. It is such a concern that the FBI has its own tracking database for crimes situated around truck terminals and truck drivers. As such, a truck terminal, despite the tremendously rare potential for it to espouse a quality establishment, carries with it too great a risk for increased dangerous criminal activity which would pose a severe threat to the families in the surrounding neighborhoods.

2) Not only will the proposed truck terminal present a threat to the communities surrounding it, it will increase the burden on the Commerce City police force, which is already encumbrances with the upsurge of criminal activity occurring in the Northern Range. Thus, it will not only place the lives of our first responders at greater risk, it carries with it a greater economic burden on the city's taxpayers to finance a larger police force presence in the area. Moreover, it is doubtful that the potential minimal tax revenue resultant from the truck terminal will subsidize the tax burden faced by the families of the community.

3) In light of the pronounced potential for criminal activity, the truck terminal poses a threat to property values; therefore, the residents will hold the city and its officials liable for any decrease in home values.

4) Due to the potential for decline in home values,

the truck terminal will also tarnish the image that was established by the city council, mayor, and others as the Northern Range being a fresh start for Commerce City in so much that the goal is to not produce the same industrial results of other parts of Commerce City but to establish a quality residential and commercial/retail area befitting of a family community.

5) Due to poor city planning with infrastructure along 104th and the persistent train stops across 104th Ave, the residents oppose a truck terminal in this area as it will not only increase noise and pollution, but the traffic gridlock will increase, which will substantially impact the daily commutes of the families of communities surrounding the truck terminal.

6) The trucks' own pollution notwithstanding, the potential for other pollution and contamination exist as refueling areas carry with it the hazards of fuel spills and thus ground contamination. In addition, in reference to objection 5, the resultant traffic gridlock will also contribute to longer stoppage times at lights around the truck terminal. Thus, not only will neighboring communities be at an increased risk for potential short and long-term ozone pollution concentrations, but the Northern Range area will be contradicting environmental conservation measures put in place at the state and federal levels to decrease pollution levels by improving traffic flow.

7) In consideration of the above points, that is an image with which the Northern Range desires not to be associated with as the attractiveness of our area is contingent upon certain key measures to remain in place, and we expect the elected city officials to put this area's future success and the will of the people

before the only positive of a potential for a minor increase in tax revenue from which the patrons of the Northern Range have yet to see a benefit.

We sign this petition as a demand that the proposal for a truck terminal be denied. We sign this petition as a demand of more proactive initiative and accountability from our elected officials in order to bring quality establishments to the Northern Range area that will not only benefit the image of the city and its officials but most importantly the residents of the area.

Please see these websites below for just a sampling of crime statistics and stories regarding truck terminals which carry the same potential to occur in this area.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/05/books/killer-on-the-road-by-ginger-strand.html?](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/05/books/killer-on-the-road-by-ginger-strand.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

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<http://articles.latimes.com/2009/apr/05/local/me-serialkillers5>

<https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/stories/2009/ap>

<http://stoptruckstop.com/crime.htm>

<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/20Trafficking%20at%20Truck%20Stops%20AAG.pdf>

<http://www.01521.com/rm/00057rm-Flying-J-truck-stop.htm>

http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2010/11/bloomsbury_has_high_cr

There are currently 333 signatures. NEW goal - We need 400 signatures!

PETITION BACKGROUND

I hope everyone will realize the gravity of the situation at large regarding economic development and the specific development of this truck terminal. This i

for the community as a whole. This petition is a means to start real change and show the city officials that we are not just complainers that are easily pacified by minimal results, weightless promises, or passage of time. It shows we desire real results and are willing to take the time to see them done and to see our tax dollars put to good use. See this as the first initial positive investment in the long-term growth and success of our community, the success of your personal home, and the continued enjoyment of this beautiful area! Please sign immediately, so we can get this to the officials before this truck stop is approved and it is too late. It is easy to complain and harder to change after the fact. Take this simple step to voice your opinion. This is not a political platform, movement, and not even based upon personal political ideology. This is our given right as citizens of this great country. Take this simple step to show that our elected officials are accountable to a democratic system; they are accountable to us! Please note that I cannot change the text after signatures have been gained. Thus, while the title has been changed to reflect a "terminal" rather than truck stop, the only difference in the points would be the potential to disregard the crime linked to "truck stops" specifically. However, please note the remaining points of pollution, traffic congestion, and image still remain valid concerns. While the criminal activity may be lessened, I still posit the potential for increased criminal activity should be considered.

CURRENT PETITION SIGNERS

333. **Adam Cline** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Nov 28, 2016.

332. **Arely Tarin** from Commerce city, CO signed this petition on Nov 5, 2016.

331. **Alana Ackerman** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Nov 4, 2016

How about development that the residents of the North Range will use...like a quality restaurant. NO TRUCK TERMINAL.

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330. **Amy Swansy** from Henderson, CO signed this petition on Sep 25, 2016.

329. **Jacqui Carter** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Sep 10, 2016.

No truck terminal on 104th and hwy2! There are too many homes and retail opportunities in this area.

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328. **Deaanna beaty** from Commerce city, CO signed this petition on Sep 9, 2016.

327. **LaChelle Mitchell** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Sep 9, 2016.

No

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326. **Whitney King** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Sep 8, 2016.

325. **Jeffrey Holland** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Sep 7, 2016.

The City obviously will make money thru taxes on this business venture. It will unfortunately make Commerce City an even less desirable place to live, resulting in less people that the City could extort Property Taxes from. It appears that Commerce City prefers commerce over people. (More Money) JUST SAY NO!!

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324. **Ashley Buckner** from Commerce City, CO signed this petition on Sep 7, 2016.

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