



MEMO TO : The Honorable President and
Board of Trustees

FROM : Carol A. Bauer
Executive Coordinator

DATE : October 2, 2008

SUBJECT : **E-MAILS RECEIVED REGARDING THE PROPOSED GUN SHOP AND
SHOOTING RANGE**

I have attached copies of the e-mails that I received regarding the proposed gun shop and firing range for your information. These were forwarded to you via e-mail, but I am not sure if you had the opportunity check your e-mail today before the Village Board meeting.

/cb

Attachments

Cc: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

Bauer, Carol

From: chwilliam@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 11:58 AM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Allowing new gunshop-shooting range in Lombard

I strongly urge that any petition to allow a gunshop--weapon display room--shooting range be rejected. We do not need this in Lombard.

Wm. J. Childs
2600 S. Finley Rd. Apt. 3404
Lombard, IL 60148

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Bauer, Carol

From: Blaire Spritzer [Blaire.Spritzer@LCRC.Net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Gun Shop and Firing Range

Dear Ms. Bauer:

As the Executive Director of Beacon Hill, a retirement community located at 2400 S. Finley Road, I am writing to express our disapproval for the opening of a gun shop and firing range on Eisenhower Lane. With over 400 independent senior living units and over 100 nursing home residents, Beacon Hill has been a supportive member of the Lombard Community for over 24 years.

There are many reasons why Beacon Hill objects to this proposed location for a gun shop and firing range. Among them include the increased traffic to Finley Road which will make travel more challenging; The increased noise associated with a firing range and finally, our concern about unnecessary traffic on our property as many travelers on Finley Road already use our entrance and private property as a turnaround point when they have gone the wrong direction. The potential increase in that type of traffic is unacceptable and does not promote our mission of helping seniors live in a safe and secure environment.

As Lombard continues to grow and expand the services and amenities it offers its citizens, this business and especially this location is surely not the best option.

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of Beacon Hill and rejecting this proposed zoning change and this business.

Blaire Spritzer

Blaire Spritzer
Executive Director
Beacon Hill
2400 S. Finley Road
Lombard, IL 60148

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Bauer, Carol

From: Amyron16@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 3:28 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Gunshop and Firing Range

Dear Carol Bauer:

I am very opposed to the proposal of a gun shop and firing range being considered for approval in the industrial park on Eisenhower Lane. I live in the Beacon Hill Retirement Community directly across the street from this location, and I find such a business highly objectionable. Please vote down the gun shop and firing range.

Sincerely, Amy Lu Thompson

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Bauer, Carol

From: hanson26@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Cc: Blaire Spritzer; LeaAnne Randell
Subject: Proposed gun shop and firing range

As a resident of Lombard, I strongly protest the plans to bring any type of gun store and firing range into our community. And, as a resident of Beacon Hill, I think such action would be disturbing, distracting and even dangerous to the approximately 500 residents of our retirement home living in such close proximity to the proposed action.

I recommend that the Lombard City Council take immediate action to cancel any further consideration of this activity.

Helen Hanson
2600 Finley Road, Apt 3415
Lombard IL 60148

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Bauer, Carol

From: apct1@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 3:33 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Opposition to Gun Business

ATTN: Carol Bauer

We are strongly opposed to the proposed gun business near Beacon Hill.

We vote NO.

James E Warren
2600 S Finley Rd #3414
Lombard IL 60148

Helen E Warren
2600 S Finley Rd #3414
Lombard IL 60148

Regards,

James E Warren

Bauer, Carol

From: HBLAND77@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 4:05 PM

To: Bauer, Carol

Subject: enough guns

Ms Bauer:

As a resident of Beacon Hill located near a proposed gun shop and firing range, I feel very upset that this may pass the Village Board. Please reconsider an approval and ask this business to go elsewhere, outside village limits at least.

Irene Bland
2400 S. Finley Apt. 158
Lombard, IL 60148

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Bauer, Carol

From: Carol Keefe [cdk671@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 4:20 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Gun Shop

Carol : I am protesting the use of Lombard property for a Gun Shop. It is **very disturbing** that a Gun Shop and Range would be considered in Lombard. As a resident of **Beacon Hill**, I often see school buses entering the **Ray Graham facilites**, which seems to be quite close to the proposed site. Plus, the **Aerial Gymnastics is located** a bit farther south.Carol Keefe

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Bauer, Carol

From: victoria langan [victoria_langan@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 5:46 PM

To: Bauer, Carol

Dear Ms. Bauer,

Thank you for taking time to speak to me about my concerns of beautiful safe village of Lombard considering adding a gun store to the village. You tranfered my call to the Community Development Department. (intersting that a gun store would be community development). I was right away told that it was the best use of land, to have a gun store, that they had looked at the proximaty of the near by schools. I wonder... were the parents of the students in the near by schools contacted to let them know of the gun store plan?? The man you directed me to told me that Lombard already sells guns anyway. At Dick's Sporting Goods. Then why would we need another store that only focuses on selling guns necessary?? Well, I was told, just like alot of residents thinks we have too many Chinese restaurants... hmmm... last i checked, chinese food does not kill people. I voted in the primaries to have Lombard build a beautiful park for our children. I can agree with that. I was not ask to vote or give of my taxes for something that ITS NOT BEAUTIFYING OUR VILLAGE. Its not just the safety of the residents in the proximity of the gun store, but the people that will drive to Lombard to get a gun. Do you know what kinds a guns will be sold at this store/??? semiautomatic??

A very concerned constituent, with only a few weeks to decide on for whom i will vote.

Thanks

Victoria

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Bauer, Carol

From: victoria langan [victoria_langan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 1:08 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: RE:

Ms. Bauer,

My husband and I thank you very much for listening to our plea. I am recovering from a recent surgery, or we would be there tonight to meet you. I think that we can watch it on Comcast tonight. We love Lombard and mean well, so we appreciate your time.

Have a nice afternoon.

Respectfully,
Victoria

--- On Thu, 10/2/08, Bauer, Carol <BauerC@villageoflombard.org> wrote:

From: Bauer, Carol <BauerC@villageoflombard.org>
Subject: RE:
To: "victoria_langan@yahoo.com" <victoria_langan@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Group_Trustees Elected Officials" <Group_TrusteesElectedOfficials@villageoflombard.org>, "Heniff, William" <HeniffW@villageoflombard.org>, "Hulseberg, Dave" <Hulsebergd@villageoflombard.org>
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2008, 9:26 AM

Ms. Langan:

I have received your e-mail regarding the proposed gun shop and firing range. I am forwarding your message to our Village Board, the Director of Community Development and the Village Manager. The Village Board appreciates the input of our residents. I am sure that they will take your comments into consideration before making a decision.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact the Village with your comments and concerns.

Carol Bauer
Executive Coordinator
Village of Lombard
255 E. Wilson Ave.

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Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 620-5712 (Office)

(630) 620-8222 (FAX)

From: victoria langan [mailto:victoria_langan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 5:46 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject:

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Victoria

Bauer, Carol

From: Luken48@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Gun shop and range business

We heard today that a gun shop and firing range business maybe located in the industrial park on Eisenhower Lane. This is too close to where we live and we oppose having this business in our area. Our society has too many guns there is no need for another outlet to provide them.

Kenneth and Lucille Tucker Beacon Hill

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Bauer, Carol

From: AB Oberwetter [ab.oberwetter@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 8:39 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Re:Location of gun shop

Dear Ms. Bauer, As a residents of Beacon Hill, My wife and I are very opposed to a gun shop being located across Finley Rd. Sincerely, Art & Brita Oberwetter

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Bauer, Carol

From: Barbara Thornton [barb-bill@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 10:51 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: gun shop and firing range

Dear Village Board,

We are very opposed to allowing a gun shop and firing range in the Village of Lombard. A business of this nature should not be in a residential area, industrial area or large populated area. The gun shop and firing range belong farther west on prairie land.

We object for two specific reasons:

1. Property values will be lowered.
2. The noise will be unbearable, and I am sure will violate EPA noise pollution standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Thornton
William J. Everitt
522 Aspen
Lombard, IL 60148
630 495-0449

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Bauer, Carol

From: William Raloff [braloff@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 11:48 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Proposed Gun Shop and Firing Range

We would like to voice our objection to the proposed gun shop and rifle range to be opened in our neighborhood. First, we believe the more guns and the closer guns are to an area, the bigger chance they may be used near there. Secondly, although we are sure the store could be insulated to eliminate any exterior sound, they seldom or never are.

We moved here years ago because of the friendly peaceful atmosphere. We would surely hate for that to disappear.

We want it known that we are opposed to having such a business in our backyard.

William and Jean Raloff
2600 S. Finley Road
Beacon Hill Apt. 3306
Lombard, IL 60148-7010

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Bauer, Carol

From: Cindi Menges [CMenges@acosta.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 7:44 AM

To: Bauer, Carol

Subject: Gun Shop & Firing Range

I want to express my feelings regarding the opening of a Gun Shop and Firing Range on Eisenhower Lane.

I am totaling against a business like this opening in our area. This is right across the street from a retirement community.

Why would the town even consider a business like this in our area?

Lucille Menges

Bauer, Carol

From: Chris [wexfordroots@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 8:36 AM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Proposed Gun World

Dear Ms. Bauer,

I have sent this email to President Mueller and Trustee Tross but was also informed that any emails sent directly to you would be sure to make it to the Trustee's hands prior to tonight's meeting. I thank you for your assistance in assuring this.

Sincerely,
 Chris and Bill Zayas

I am writing concerning the proposal to allow a gun shop and shooting range on South Eisenhower in Lombard. My father was an avid hunter and I grew up around firearms of all kinds. I am not comfortable around them myself, but I have no objection to others who may want to use them for recreational purposes in an appropriate facility and in an appropriate location. Having said this, I fiercely believe that the proposed location within Lombard is not an appropriate location for such a facility.

In addition to the risk of theft of firearms from the shop and a gun shop's negative image having the potential to affect property values, I also have concerns about people transporting firearms in their automobiles back and forth to the store and to the shooting range. There is an increased risk that a careless gun owner, or even a careful one, may have firearms stolen from their automobile while parked in route to or from this facility.

I find it difficult to believe that Lombard would consider the proposal of a retail gun store and shooting range in such close proximity to residences and schools. Being 800 feet from the nearest residential facility is too close and I doubt that any member of the board or our community would like to live that close to Gun World and a shooting range. Being within a mile of Glenn Westlake Middle School and just two and a half miles from Glenbard East HS is **entirely** unacceptable. While Eisenhower South is zoned for light industrial, it is clearly not an area for a gun shop/shooting range because of it's proximity to residences, popular shopping areas like Yorktown mall, Yorktown cinema, the popular Lombard Roller Rink, many restaurants as well as churches and schools; all places that small children, teenagers and adults frequent. The Lombard Roller Rink for instance, is geared specifically for young children and teenagers and is **less than one mile** from the proposed site of Gun World. I fail to see how the two facilities compliment each other and what kind of message this would send to our community in terms of how we view the safety of our youth.

In recent years we've had several worrisome incidents involving guns within a short distance of the proposed location and near our schools. In 2006 there was an incident at the Smoke Shop on Roosevelt and Main Street. In 2003 there was a shooting incident with injury at West Suburban Bank on Main street near Roosevelt Road. And just two days ago, there was an armed robbery at Fifth Third Bank on Roosevelt and Finley Roads in Lombard. My concern is that having a gun shop in this area, so close to schools and residential neighborhoods will increase the potential for gun violence. We have no way of knowing if the clientel who will be attracted to this shop are responsible and will consider the safety of Lombard's families with children and local schools.

It is my sincere hope that this is not the direction Lombard is taking when considering new business and I believe that it is the board's responsibility to consider first, the safety of it's residents and next, the values of their homes which could be directly affected by the negative image of this type of facility and lastly, the overall direction and vision we as a community have for Lombard which should not incorporate a gun shop and shooting range. I would like to reiterate that I have no bias against gun shops in general, however, this is not by any means an appropriate area for such a venue.

The residents of Wood Dale rejected Gun World because of the store's proximity to their Junior High School. The proposal did not clear *even in an area that was zoned for massage parlors and adult book stores* based upon the resident's objections. I am certain that most Lombardians will not embrace this type of facility at this Lombard location not only for safety reasons, but because of it's negative image. I hope that Lombard will take Wood Dale's lead in terms of respecting the wishes of it's citizens.

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Nights and as a safe, family oriented community that residents can be proud of and feel secure in. Gun World simply does not fit the criteria to become a part of this community. Even our teenage daughters are appalled at the prospect of a facility like this in our area. I hope that the board considers the tax payer's wishes and rejects the proposal for Gun World because it is in direct conflict with the character and fiber of our village as well as it's goals for the future.

Thank you for your time.

Christine and Bill Zayas
309 W. Harrison Rd.
Lombard, IL 60148-3213
630-627-8749

Bauer, Carol

From: uni725@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 9:14 AM

To: Bauer, Carol

Subject: Gun Shop

We would very much like to discourage any gun shops ANYWHERE! much less across the street from Beacon Hill.

Regards, The Treadways

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Bauer, Carol

From: Craig Dickson [CBDickson@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 10:43 AM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Resident Opposed TO Gun Shop

Carol Bauer
Village of Lombard

My mother, Mary McGuire, is a resident of Lombard, living at 2400 S. Finley Road, Apartment 459.

She opposes the Gun Shop and Range proposed for a nearby location.

She does not use the Internet, and asked me to communicate her opinion for her.

Thank you.

Craig Dickson
625 W. Madison St., #1611
Chicago, IL 60661
312.624.3377

Mrs. James G. McGuire
2400 S. Finley Road, #459
Lombard, IL 60148
630.629.3881

Bauer, Carol

From: John Cozza [cozzajfc@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 11:07 AM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: "GUN WORLD"

Dear Carol Bauer:

I read the article in the Daily Herald regarding the possibility of having a new neighbor across the street from our home at Beacon Hill. I found this to be very up-setting. These people were on the verge of being turned away in Wood Dale in an area zoned for adult business or massage parlors. They now would like to come to Lombard in an area zoned for light industry and offices. We are only 800 feet away. Down the hill from us are thousands of residents in homes as well as residents in town homes and apartments, all within one half mile. If the criteria is to have regard for residents, this proposal should not even be considered.

I realize we are at the southern edge of Lombard's border, but we are still in Lombard.

I can safely say that the majority of the Beacon Hill residents, and those who will come here in the future, are and will be against such a neighbor.

The news article states the owner's guesstimate that 60% of the business will come from police officers and private security firms. Who will make up the other 40% ? Gang Bangers and Terrorists ??

I ask, as a resident, that the Village Board and the Zoning Commission immediately reject this petition.

Respectfully, John F. Cozza

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Bauer, Carol

From: Steven Ginley [srginley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 11:23 AM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Proposed Gun Shop and Shooting Range

Dear Ms. Bauer,

I'm emailing you on behalf of my mother who is a Beacon Hill resident and does not have email access.

Yesterday, my mother became aware Village Board is meeting this evening to consider allowing a gun shop and firing range to open on Eisenhower Lane directly across the street from the Beacon Hill main entrance. My mother has asked me to express her concern and disapproval for licensing a business, which by definition, will bring a number of guns into a neighborhood housing a large number of senior citizens at Beacon Hill and Lexington Square. My mother asks you to pass along her concerns to the Village Board, and her request the Board vote against opening a gun shop anywhere within the Village of Lombard.

Thank you.

Best wishes,
Steven Ginley on behalf of Arlene Ginley

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Bauer, Carol

From: vsteves933@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 11:29 AM

To: Bauer, Carol

Attention: Carol Bauer

I live at Beacon Hill and am against the granting of a license for the proposed gun shop and firing range business on Eisenhower Lane.

As Senior Citizens we are already dealing with the noise from 355.
Please do not add to noise pollution by granting this license.

Thank YOu,

Valerie B. Stevenson
Beacon Hill

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Bauer, Carol

From: bziela@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 2:53 PM
To: Bauer, Carol
Subject: Gun Shop and Firing Range

I am a resident at Beacon Hill, the residential area that is closest to the proposed gun shop and firing range that will be discussed at tonight's village meeting. I don't think Lombard needs this kind of establishment. You will have traffic and noise problems that you don't need. Please vote "NO".

Babs Zielazinski
2900 S Finley Road, #3609
Lombard, IL 60148
bziela@comcast.net

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