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Dear Hayward City Council Members,

On behalf of the 136,000 members of the Alameda Labor Council, I am writing to you about a serious concern for members of our community. It is no secret that Amazon is against allowing their workers to unionize. But that is not why I am writing to you.

As I hope you have read, there has been an unanticipated and insufficiently considered impact of mega-warehouses on the public health in Southern California. When we think of traffic associated with these mega-facilities, we tend to only think about Amazon's delivery trucks. It turns out, that is only a small part of the air quality effects to cities that have led to the spike in asthma cases in proximate neighborhoods.

What we have learned from the Inland Empire is that the large heavy-duty trucks bringing goods into Amazon wait for hours in the queue with engines running to unload. They also will clog up the West Winton corridor that is already some of the worst traffic in Hayward. When you consider this plus the anticipated 2,000 + daily trips of trucks and vans, air quality impacts are staggering. The human damage far outweighs economic benefits.

Hayward is one of the last communities in the Bay Area offering both an affordable and excellent quality of life for a diverse population of working-class families. Please consider what the Amazon mega-warehouse will mean to those families in your city. Please reject the Amazon proposal.

In Solidarity,

Elizabeth Ortega-Toro
Executive Secretary-Treasurer