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Hi Ms. Harvey,
Here's the petition that we just talked about. Thank you very much for your help.
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While the town prepares its next LUMO, I petition the Town Council of Chapel Hill to place a moratorium on the construction of new fast-food drive-throughs until future Town Councils decide to repeal the moratorium. Five recent special-use permits at Carraway Village allowing fast-food drive-throughs prove that the special-use-permit process is inadequate to protect the town from the public-health and climate-change danger that is inherent with fast-food drive-throughs. The proposed drive-through at Dunkin' Donuts is another example. As for these SUPs, the council should instruct the town manager not to grant any waivers of permitted drive-throughs due to SUP expiration. The town should negotiate against fast-food drive-throughs in case the developer wants to make any changes to the SUP.

I have been opposed to new drive-throughs since I learned that Chapel Hill requires a special-use permit to build one. Chapel Hill and Carrboro have had an enlightened view of drive-throughs since the 1990s, and I support each town fully on this matter. A ban on new drive-throughs improves air quality since drivers typically do not turn off their engines when they're waiting in line at drive-throughs. An idling car produces significantly greater pollution than does one that is running at highway speeds, and this includes carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen. While it's generally not considered to be a greenhouse gas, carbon monoxide, a component of internal combustion engine exhaust, is toxic. The number of hybrid, electric, and fuel-cell cars in Chapel Hill are insufficient to reduce the danger significantly.

This is a real test of council's leadership on this issue. Without a ban on drive-throughs, we're not doing all we can locally to reduce greenhouse gases that include carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen.

A drive-through ban would benefit drivers since it saves gas. If drive-throughs put existing businesses without drive-throughs at a disadvantage, they are obviously bad for existing businesses. Fast-food drive-throughs are major sources of litter, and according to a *Daily Tar Heel* article, Carrboro Board of Aldermen Mayor Pro Tem Damon Seils says, "...drive-throughs just aren't conducive to pedestrian-oriented areas." "They create conflicts with pedestrians, and they're really more important in car-oriented areas."

Please see "An Evaluation of the Effects of Drive-Through Configurations on Air Quality at Fast Food Restaurants" for detailed information on why drive-throughs are bad for our community (<https://www.omicsonline.org/open-access/evaluation-of-the-effects-of-drivethrough-configurations-on-airquality-at-fast-food-restaurants-2165-784X-1000235.php?aid=74917>).

I am not opposed to all drive-throughs, but I do believe that we should avoid fast-food drive-throughs. I realize that many people find fast-food drive-throughs convenient, but I do not think that convenience outweighs the public health and the danger of climate change.

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