**Ask Councilman Gray to address this issue at each of the March District E meetings.**

Please Read and Respond Accordingly:

There has been a push by the dollar stores to sell liquor at many stores in East New Orleans and beyond.  At present, they cannot sell beer, wine or liquor at their stores and it requires a "conditional use" permit which demands notification of the surrounding neighbors.  A similar request was made by Dollar General in Jefferson Parish and the request was rejected by their City Council.  Now, Dollar General is making the same request in the East New Orleans community.

At a recent meeting, February 20, 2017, held by representatives of Dollar General at the Sanchez Center there was a packed house of residents from various areas of the East and the Ninth Ward (see attached sign-in sheet) who voiced their unanimous opposition to the granting of their request to sell alcohol. We all expressed concern about loitering, littering and the fact that the stores are not presently being maintained properly. A similar problem existed in Jefferson Parish and was the reason the City Council denied their request. Click this link: [Dollar General wants to sell beer, wine; Jefferson Parish says no](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/09/13_dollar_general_stores_barre.html). We were also made aware after questioning that this single request for liquor sales at 11020 Morrison Rd location was also including an additional four (4) more of their locations in the East as follows:

5700 Crowder Blvd.

8400 Chef Menteur Hwy

10600 Chef Menteur Hwy

13100 Chef Menteur Hwy.

Moreover, there is another permit request being made by another dollar store (Family Dollar) to be built at 7313 Chef Menteur Hwy​. **and one at 7300 Read Blvd.​** This would make a total of approximately thirteen

(1​3) dollar stores in our immediate community.  This hurts our economic development/growth, decreases our property value and labels us as a discount community.​

**Please show up at your March, District E meetings to voice your concern to Councilman Gray.**

Thank you.