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We received your letter offering an extended comment time period, so we want to again tell you about our concerns and fears.

We are in our seventies. We own our 16 acres and home free and clear. Everything we had saved went for our place in the back country. Now, living on social security, we thought we'd be able to live out our remaining years in peace.

But for the past several years, every project someone comes up with, that nobody wants in their own back yard, gets suggested for Boulevard. We'll mention an off-road park, a golf resort, a dump, sex offender housing, a housing development, windmills, and an airport. Not much peace when these fears are hanging over our heads.

Now for some time we have been worrying about the Soitec Solar Project. If this becomes a reality, we'll have solar panels jammed up against our front yard separated only by a fire trail used by the Border Patrol.

Other than the obvious reason of having to look at the panels out of every window in our home, we have other concerns.

Our community has been designed to accommodate fewer properties mainly for water purposes. What happens when one rich person buys huge acreage with projects like this in mind? What happens to us when he's used up all the ground water? He'll haul water in then. We can't afford to do that.

We also have strong feelings about the health factors generated by these kinds of facilities who don't research or take the time to learn if health risks are created by their greed. Of course, the mess isn't in their back yard. It's in ours.

If this project is approved, we would never again feel safe, healthy, or comfortable in our home.

With the water issues, health factors, and the eyesore sitting on the property line, we would never be able to sell our property, so what could we do? Where would we go? And besides, we love our home and our property. Why should we have to live by the actions their greed dictates?

We ask you to put yourself in our place. Take a walk around your property. Think about the flower gardens you've planted to make your yard more appealing, the barbeques and birthday parties your family has enjoyed, and all the reasons you love where you live.

Then walk through every room of your home. Think about the memories you've made over the years. Think about the improvements you've made and the spot where you always put the Christmas tree. Then think about having to start over- not by your choice but for reasons you have no control over.

Now, one last request. When you walk your property and home, walk it through our eyes.

Please remember our concerns as you make your decisions. We support the "NO PROJECT" alternative as our first choice.

Thank you.

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