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Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Sibbet, David; Wardlaw, Mark; Desmond, Jim; Mills, Benjamin; Gaspar, Kristin
Subject: Recycling Center in our Residential areas

Dear David, Mark, Jim, Benjamin and Kristin,

I am deeply grieved and troubled by the prospect of having a Recycling Center in the middle of our neighborhoods.

We all have too much stress in our lives. Our homes should be a place of refuge and rejuvenation. Having a Recycling Center in our neighborhood would destroy that. Think of how annoying it is to have a barking dog in your neighborhood. Now imagine the CONSTANT banging of crushing concrete and trucks' backing up beeping noise ALL DAY. LONG???? Just the thought of it makes me depressed. So, I thought of the **mental health impact** on everyone in the surrounding neighborhoods. STRESS is a major health problem and this noise pollution would definitely increase every one's stress level.

How ironic or TIMELY that this article came in my inbox after Thursday's meeting regarding the Recycling Center: <https://draxe.com/health/childrens-mental-health-air-pollution/>

I was concerned about my own mental health with the noise and air quality pollution created by such a recycling center but here is research on how it affects children!!! **"The World Health Organization warns that fine particulate matter in air pollution poses the greatest effects on human health. Most fine particulate matter comes from fuel combustion emitted from vehicles, power plants, households and more."**

I join with my fellow neighbors and am vehemently opposed to this Recycling Center coming to our neighborhoods. I am in agreement that it poses a long-term health and safety issue with the inhalation of fine particles in the air, that it would create a great deal of noise pollution, never allowing the bodies of those living nearby to fully relax in their own homes, the increase in fire danger to surrounding neighborhoods, increased traffic congestion and more air pollution, and how negatively this will affect the value of the homes we worked so hard to purchase.

And I return to the article I shared above. Our children deserve to be able to play outside without their physical and mental health being at risk.

Sincerely,

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NORTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, SITE PLAN REVIEW, S.O: PDS2008- 3500-08-015, LOG NO. PDS2008-3910-0808012

Dear Mr. Sibbet:

I live in an area that will be significantly impacted by the proposed North County Environmental Resources (NCER) ("Project"). I submit this public comment letter concerning the proposed section 15183 exemption ("Proposed Exemption") as the County of San Diego ("County") should require the applicant, Hilltop Group Inc. ("Applicant"), to prepare an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Project due to its foreseeable significant environmental impacts which will impact my family's and my community's health and well-being. I am dismayed that the County, having determined in 2015 that the Project requires an EIR, now proposes to fast-track environmental review of the Project through an unsupported and inapplicable exemption to limit public participation contrary to CEQA's requirements.

It is inappropriate for the County to base proposed findings supporting the Proposed Exemption on technical reports, many of which are five to ten years old and do not reflect existing baseline conditions, and others which are explicitly drafts or preliminary in nature. The alleged findings of these unreliable reports do not support the necessary findings for the Proposed Exemption. Moreover, many of the technical reports speciously base their analysis on how the Applicant says it will operate the Project instead of the maximum physical uses, thereby violating CEQA's mandate that the worst-case scenario be used to assess a project's foreseeable environmental impacts and wrongly allowing the reports to minimize the Project's impacts. An EIR is needed to ensure that these concerns are addressed and so there is public transparency for this highly-controversial project.

The peculiar presence of an industrial processing facility largely surrounded by residential areas will be disruptive and have myriad significant environmental consequences on nearby residents, including:

- Particulate emissions from demolition and leveling on mountain side as well as from operation of crushing and grinding and material handling equipment outdoors.
- Noise from explosive blasting during construction phase and then the operation phase of crushing and associated equipment on site.
- Operating hours of 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM, 6 days a week contrary to General Plan Policy N-5.2.
- Noise and dust from fully loaded trucks entering and leaving site through Mesa Rock Road, Center City Parkway and the Deer Spring overpass.
- Community is burdened with monitoring and reporting violations including gas emissions, noise, dust, or truck loads in and out. Monitoring equipment not included in project.
- Excessive grading of an iconic hill and rock known by residents with affection as Bear Rock.
- A facility to be perched on high level grade in view of over 6100 residents.

I ask you to convey my concerns listed above and my opposition of the project to PDS Director Mark Wardlaw. I have listed some additional concerns on the reverse of this page.

Signed, Michelle Takagi

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