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Attention: Philip C. Ellis, Jr.
Michael Shapiro
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Re: Concern for Health and Safety of Students in our Community

Dear School Board Members:

I have been resident of this school district for 19 years and my while children are all now adults I do have 1 grandson attending Pico Canyon Elementary School. I have nothing but rave reviews of this particular school. While standing around at pick up time the children and their pick up parents and - like me grandparents all have nothing but good things to say about their quality of their education, and well being of all the students.

I am however writing to you about my concerns on a much large scale, the health of each and every student in this entire SCV Valley and surrounding areas will be greatly compromised if the plans for the Chiquita Landfill expansion get approved. Unhealthy students cannot test and learn and the same level of healthy students, a terrible legacy on our future generations. This Landfill expansion threatens not just your students but everyone who lives in this Valley. I know I have to be concerned with outside activities on heavily smoggy days and the landfill expansion will just create more unhealthy days for us which will add to respiratory illness and possibly more life threatening conditions.

I am asking my district to adopt a Resolution to Oppose Landfill Expansion, for the health and safety of all students throughout this Valley.

I have enclosed a flyer with all the scientific information for your review. I'd appreciate hearing from each and every one of you. Thank you for your consideration.


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CHIQUITA LANDFILL EXPANSION TALKING POINTS

- Chiquita Canyon Landfill currently sits less than 1,000 feet from nearby residents in Val Verde
- It is the destination for waste from municipalities throughout all of Southern California
- Expansion would make this the largest landfill in California
- It would accept more trash than the largest in the U.S.
- Resulting greenhouse gas emissions would exceed the "significance threshold" with operational activities that "may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment" (EIR)
- Is partially unlined, (though all liners leak) and may be causing water pollution to the Santa Clara River. Better water quality monitoring should be required
- Is located just south of an active fault line.
- It sits atop our valley's groundwater aquifer where no soil testing has been done.
- Landslides have already occurred in the landfill and increased truck traffic may cause further landslides in the canyon
- The South Coast Air Quality Management District cited the lack of critical analysis and acknowledged potential significant impacts to air quality ground water and safety for our community in response to the original draft EIR
- Meanwhile, the Mesquite Regional Landfill in Imperial County, built to a permitted limit of approximately 600 million tons of solid waste and 100 years of operation, is not being used.
- The environmental impact report says that several air pollutants will remain significant even after mitigation, including dust particle (PM2.5). These particles lodge in the lungs, causing asthma and other severe respiratory problems. They are especially harmful to children.
- In 1997. The community of Val Verde agreed not to pursue litigation against the landfill in exchange for it being closed after it reached 23 million tons or Nov. 2019 whichever was sooner. It reached 23 million tons in June 2016, but was not closed. Promises should be kept.
- In the 1997 conditions of approval, condition 46 said that the landfill shall be closed when it reached 23million tons. It reached 23 million tons in June 2016, but was not closed. Promises should be kept. How can we trust the County to follow the conditions they set out after this failure?

(As expressed in Kathy Pisaro's Excellent Signal Column 2-23-170

MORE CHIQUITA LANDFILL TALKING POINTS

- The impact on our quality of life as we would experience it, right here in the Santa Clarita Valley, should this extension be approved, is monumental.

- Do you really want trash from San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties to be trucked all the way north to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill?
- Some of this trash comes from as far as just north of Tijuana.
- An expansion of Chiquita would more than double the number of trucks headed to the landfill every day, thus adding significantly to the already poor quality of air that prevails here on many days.
- Think for a moment about the many **ADDITIONAL** truck accidents that would occur almost daily. The I-5 freeway is already over capacity.
- There is an alternative, sitting idly by, awaiting the parade, not of trucks, but of rail cars - a very efficient and far less polluting method of removing trash, out of our sight, to Mesquite, a location far from homes.
- We must not allow the expansion of this landfill to negatively affect our children's health, our quality of life, our property values, and much, much more!

ADDITIONAL CHIQUITA POINTS PUTTING PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE

- Residents of Val Verde have, for many years, been exposed to frequent reeking odors. There are days when residents find it necessary to stay inside.
- Health issues have increased, particularly asthma, respiratory problems and cancer.
- 2 local schools are within 1 mile of the landfill; others are within a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance
- The landfill's agreed upon capacity has exceeded its 23 million ton limit. Parties to the agreement should be required to honor it!
- More than doubling the truck traffic six days each week will increase valley-wide pollution and freeway congestion
- Odors and pollution would gradually overtake the entire valley
- Quality of life, including property values will be detrimentally affected!
- Not only does the landfill stand to make a huge profit, but The County of Los Angeles receives "tipping fees" of approximately \$770,000 per month. They must not put constituents at risk to favor their budget.
- **WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME KNOWN AS THE VALLEY OF THE DUMPS FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!**