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Fwd: NO to Bulk Propane Facility-NO to Planning Commissioners granting a special use permit

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Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 10:26 AM

To: Deborah Muniz <deborah.muniz@cityofwatsonville.org>, Suzi Merriam <suzi.merriam@cityofwatsonville.org>, Justin Meek <justin.meek@cityofwatsonville.org>

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From: **Leah Sugarman** <leahsugar@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 9:46 PM

Subject: NO to Bulk Propane Facility-NO to Planning Commissioners granting a special use permit

To: <citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org>, <cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org>

Esteemed Mayor Garcia, City Council Members and City Clerk,

As a Watsonville resident, parent, and educator, I stand in STRONG opposition to the Planning Commission granting a special use permit with review design and environmental review to allow for the establishment of a propane and storage facility. A Bulk Propane Plant stands to further endanger a community already vulnerable to chemical hazards from pesticide exposure. Permitting Mountain Propane Service to build a facility in our community is a sign that our health and safety is not of utmost priority. If we can learn anything from devastating recent events in Beirut, it is that these chemical storage facilities do not belong in heavily populated areas, near homes, schools and businesses. I urge you to voice opposition to the Planning Commission and urge them to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Leah Sugarman

District 7

Deborah Muniz <deborah.muniz@cityofwatsonville.org>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 11:22 AM

To: Anna Kammer <annakso@att.net>, Ed Acosta <ed.acosta@sbcglobal.net>, Jenni Veitch-Olson <jveitcholson@gmail.com>, Jenny Sarmiento <jtsarmiento831@gmail.com>, "Matthew H. Jones" <mjones91773@gmail.com>, Veronica Dorantes-Pulido <veronicadorantespulido@gmail.com>

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Deborah Muniz, Executive Assistant



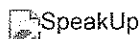
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[CDD] New eComment for Planning Commission on 2020-09-01 6:00 PM - Remote Teleconference Meeting

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Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 5:25 PM



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Barry Scott submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I feel this has been seriously mis-framed, with a lot of public concern based on misinformation and misunderstanding about the matter. Propane is delivered to homes and farms throughout the county and delivered here in bulk by truck or by rail. By truck it's far more dangerous than by rail. Trucks also emit more pollutants to carry the same load while creating congestion. Expansion of the propane transfer facility that's already there provides net benefits compared to keeping those deliveries on trucks. Eventually, we must move away from fossil fuels toward 100% renewable energy, in the mean time thousands of homes and businesses rely on propane fuel. Opposing this project will simply move the bulk propane shipments to your roads and streets, spreading the danger to many neighborhoods when it could be restricted to the rail route. Please recommend to the Council approval of this application.

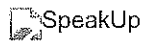
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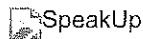
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eComment: This facility will help bring in business taxes and provide employment opportunities. My feeling is that the rail right of way is a valuable asset. Lets not lose it. Thank you.

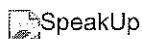
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eComment: This facility will provide much needed taxes and employment opportunities. We need businesses like this.

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Justin Meek <justin.meek@cityofwatsonville.org>

Fwd: [CDD] RE: Disappointed in vote

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Wed, Sep 9, 2020 at 10:07 AM

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Cc: Elena Ortiz <elena.ortiz@cityofwatsonville.org>, Justin Meek <justin.meek@cityofwatsonville.org>, Suzi Merriam <suzi.merriam@cityofwatsonville.org>

Dear Commissioners:

Forwarding this email regarding 950 W. Beach St. that CDD received via the Citys' website.

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From: **GARY PLOMP** <plomp@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sun, Sep 6, 2020 at 7:52 AM
Subject: [CDD] RE: Disappointed in vote
To: cdd@cityofwatsonville.org <cdd@cityofwatsonville.org>

To Planning Commission members:

Respectfully, I wish to comment on your recent vote against the Mountain Propane facility expansion. Your decision is questionable.

Anytime, a viable business who wishes to come to Watsonville and/or expand in Watsonville is voted down, that sends a negative message to other potential companies.

With a depressed economy, and a high unemployment rate, having a corporation willing to locate and invest in the community is something that should be embraced.

Regarding the concerns over propane hazards, there are already other entities deemed "hazardous" in this agrarian town.

I can't help but think that hysteria and shortsighted thinking by real estate moguls, radicals and other rabble-rousers influenced your decision.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Gary V. Plomp
(former 32 year resident)

Deborah Muniz, Executive Assistant
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