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Honorable Planning Commission & City Council
of the City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

Department of Planning, Building & Code
Enforcement Department
Attn: John Davidson
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**Subject: Comments to Final Environmental Impact Report for the Newby Island Sanitary Landfill,
File No. PDC07-071**

Dear Gentilepersons:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide follow up comments on the contents of the proposed Final EIR for the Newby Island Landfill project. The City of Milpitas continues to have concerns regarding the significant odor impacts caused by the Landfill and the operations that are being proposed thereon.

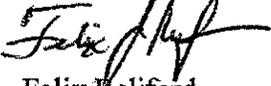
As a preliminary statement, I am the Acting Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services and have been employed by the City of Milpitas for more than two decades.

- Over the past 22 years, Milpitas residents have expressed numerous complaints to the City of Milpitas regarding the odors and smells that are generated by the Newby Island Landfill and Recyclery located at I-880 Freeway, McCarthy Blvd. and Dixon Landing Road.
- The odors and smell from the Landfill and Recyclery are more notable during the summer months when the temperature and heating index rises and the odors can be smell throughout large areas of the City.
- The Landfill facility has had a negative economic impact on the Milpitas community. The City has historically suffered received complaints and comments of unwillingness to relocate into industrial, commercial and retail spaces within City limits because of the odors emanating from the Landfill area. The following exchange is typical of cases relayed to City staff. In one instance, a local real estate broker informed a planning division employee that his client had initially considered relocating to Milpitas, specifically certain vacant industrial buildings in the California Circle area across the I-880 Freeway from the Landfill. However, the broker stated that because of the odors and smells generated from the Landfill, his client ultimately chose not to relocate to Milpitas.
- Over the years on numerous occasions, the development community has expressed concerns to City Staff about developing projects within City of Milpitas because of the negative reputation and image associated with the odors and smells generated from the landfill facility. This negative reputation has caused Milpitas considerable harm in trying to convince and persuade the development community to invest in our community. It has further impeded efforts to attract businesses, residents and investors to our community. (See, e.g., Attachment).
- Milpitas has attempted to address this matter with City of San Jose and Landfill Staff on several occasions. The timing of the EIR and the findings of no significant impacts associated with odors and

smell makes this task of convincing the development community more challenging and difficult with the limited cooperation from City of San Jose.

In sum, the residents of Milpitas has been living with the odors and smell generated from the landfill facility for over 30 years and **strongly object** to any suggestion that there are no significant impacts associated with odors generated from the site.

Sincerely,



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Acting Director of Planning & Neighborhood Services

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- Gym & Fitness
- Internet Access
- Childcare
- Clean & Green
- Medical Facilities

NOT GREAT FOR

- Lack of Traffic
- Nightlife
- Cost of Living
- Eating Out
- Peace & Quiet

WHO LIVES HERE?

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- Tourists

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"Kind of Stinky But Goo"

If you like Ranch style homes, you will love the Manor neighborhood of Milpitas. There are a ton of these kinds of homes here and despite being more than half a century old (most of these date to the 1950's when these kind of homes were in fashion) these are very well kept. Virtually anyone who grew up in a middle class suburb in the 1970's will instantly recognize and feel comforted by the neighborhood.

Located right at the crossroads of two freeways, and within a short drive of the Fremont BART station to the north, the Manor neighborhood is perfectly situated to get commuters where they are going.

Of course, as with everywhere else in Milpitas, there is an issue having to do with the stench that comes from a nearby dump. Residents say you get used to it and it is only really bad in the summer, but people's tolerances to smell vary greatly so you should definitely check it out before moving here. (The smell is actually bad enough that Google has a preset keyword phrase for : "why does Milpitas smell?" If that many people are asking on Google, it is clearly an issue.)

PROS

- Nice Ranch Homes
- Good Schools
- Well Located for Commuting

CONS

- The Smell

No Nightlife

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