



# Draft EIR Comment Form

## Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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**Comment:**

I want to address my biggest concern, which is the traffic impact from this potential project. My family has been in Santa Margarita for five generations, and we have witnessed the changes over the years. It concerns me that decisions are made solely on State Highway, County Public Works Department and Caltrans data and guidelines. When it comes to traffic increase and pedestrian safety you can't just go by statistics. Times have changed over the years. As the traffic has increased, and the increase in aggressive inconsiderate drivers (cars and trucks) traveling through our town, we as citizens have made changes to keep ourselves and families safe. When I was growing up and going to school at Santa Margarita Elementary School, I walked to and from school, living on the corner of El Camino Real and Pinal. I crossed El Camino Real at Encina Ave. There was plenty of traffic then, but people stopped to allow you to cross, and drove the speed limit. I now have grandchildren going to Santa Margarita Elementary School, and they are not allowed to walk home from school or cross El Camino Real. There are many families in Santa Margarita who do not allow their children to cross El Camino Real because it is so dangerous. If it is not safe now, it will not be safe with the increase of 273 more trucks. Spend some time watching the traffic going through Santa Margarita. The majority of vehicles do not travel within the speed limit, and most do not stop for pedestrians at Encina Ave. We need to look further into what this increased traffic is going to do to the community of Santa Margarita as a whole. Are there other alternatives? Can Las Pilitas Resource, LLC get easements to develop roads to route traffic away from downtown Santa Margarita? As a citizen who witnesses traffic on a regular basis, again, I worry about using the State Highway, County Public Works Department and Caltrans data and guidelines solely to approve the project and/or decide on what improvements will be needed to reduce a "potential significant impact" to a "less than significant impact." As a long time resident of Santa Margarita and property owner, I fear what the true traffic and safety impact is going to do to the town and citizens of Santa Margarita.

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