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Mr. Oliveira,

Like 99% of the residence in the town of Santa Margarita, my family and I are adamantly opposed to the quarry on Highway 58. I've lived in town, on Highway 58, for 20 years, and have seen a steady increase in commuter and commercial traffic on our stretch. During those 20 years of increased traffic the County has done nothing to mitigate the impacts. When contacted the standard answer is "Oh, that's a state highway. You'll have to deal with Cal Trans." Well it's time for the County to say no to further detrimental impacts.

Here are the problems as I see it.

1. The quarry will create an increase in commercial traffic on El Camino. The argument that it will be an insignificant increase because they are just diverting business from the two other quarries is weak. All traffic from Rocky Canyon quarry now uses the Santa Barbara exits and does not come through Santa Margarita. Any trucks diverted from there will be driving past my house on El Camino. When going north from the Hansons quarry trucks also take the Santa Barbara route. Coming from Highway 58 east even the north bound trucks, will be speeding to the Santa Margarita ramps, again past my house.
2. Zoning: Is the land really zoned for manufacturing? Importing a raw material, in this case used asphalt and concrete, and remaking it into something new, road base, and then selling it to me sounds like manufacturing. Is that allowed with the current zoning. The recycling clauses on the codes seemed to be geared specifically to landfills and not quarries. Was the added traffic from this use considered in the traffic study (and was that really done by the applicant)?
3. Air pollution: Was the added air pollution created by the traffic and plant operations addressed?
4. The safety of the community. The school crossing on 58 and I Street is bad. There is a blind knoll leading up to it. Trucks will be conflicting with the students. The Rail road crossing at 58 and El Camino is too short to accommodate a large truck with trailer and there are no shoulders for bikes of pedestrians there.
5. Night time operations. It's bad enough when Hansons is given a conditional use permit to run at night. Especially when the clause that says that ½ of the traffic must go to the Santa Barbara ramps is not enforced. But with an extra quarry in town night time traffic may become nonstop.
6. Enforcement of existing speed limits. The Highway Patrol is strapped

as it is. In the last 20 years I've seen them write maybe 3 speeding tickets on El Camino in town. Currently the trucks, especially at night, are totally ignoring any posted speed limits.

Is it ethically and morally right to cause a decrease in the quality of life for thousands of residence for the benefit of three? Just because the zoning allows it does not mean that it should be allowed. The quarry on 58 is a bad project all around and should not be allowed. No amount of remediation will offset the impacts.

Thank you,  
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