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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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APRIL 24, 2003

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6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM

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MS. GABEL-LUDDY: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
IT'S 6:00 O'CLOCK. IT'S APRIL 24TH, 2003. I'D LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU TO A PUBLIC MEETING TO TAKE TESTIMONY
ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF A PROPOSED CHANGE IN
BRADLEY LANDFILL.

MY NAME IS EMILY GABEL-LUDDY. I AM THE
PLANNING DEPARTMENT MANAGER FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL
SECTION OF THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. AND I WILL
BE MAKING A FEW OPENING REMARKS.

BUT BEFORE I EVEN GET THAT FAR, I'D LIKE
TO ASK DELIA, WHO IS OUR TRANSLATOR TONIGHT, IF SHE
WOULD PLEASE QUERY THE AUDIENCE.

THE INTERPRETER: (IN SPANISH.)

MS. GABEL-LUDDY: THANK YOU, DELIA.

WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WITH US TONIGHT.
DELIA, AS YOU KNOW, HAS DONE THE TRANSLATIONS BEFORE
AND SHE'S BACK AGAIN DOING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

KELLI IS THE COURT REPORTER WHO IS GOING
TO BE MAKING A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
TONIGHT, SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO SPEAK, ONCE WE'VE
HAD THE TIME, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THIS ALL IN

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1 WRITTEN FORMAT AS WELL.

2 ALSO, HADAR PLAFKIN FROM THE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION WILL BE WHAT I LIKE TO CALL
4 THE MEDIATOR AT THE MEETING. HE WILL BE HANDLING

5 THE SPEAKER CARDS AND MAKING SURE THAT YOU ALL HAVE
6 A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE.

7 JIMMY LIAO IS THE CITY PLANNER. THERE'S
8 JIMMY.

9 DOUG CORCORAN IS HERE FROM WASTE
10 MANAGEMENT AND HE HAS ASSURED ME HE WILL GIVE A VERY
11 BRIEF PRESENTATION BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF THE
12 MEETING TONIGHT IS TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT YOU THINK
13 THE POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND EFFECTS WOULD
14 BE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE OPERATION OF THE
15 BRADLEY LANDFILL SITE.

16 WE ARE VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS. THERE
17 ARE SOME HANDOUTS THAT WE PUT OUT BOTH IN ENGLISH
18 AND SPANISH TO INDICATE WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS.

19 THERE WAS A MEETING THAT WAS HELD IN
20 DECEMBER, AND SOME OF YOU WERE THERE AND IT TURNED
21 OUT TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT MEETING FROM A LOT OF
22 PERSPECTIVES.

23 TONIGHT WE'RE STARTING AGAIN.

24 ONCE WE GET ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS, THE
25 CITY STAFF, WORKING WITH THE CONSULTANT, WILL BEGIN

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1 TO PREPARE WHAT'S CALLED A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
2 IMPACT REPORT. AND THE ISSUES THAT IT LOOKS AT
3 DEPEND ON THE KINDS OF ISSUES YOU RAISE TONIGHT.

4 WE'VE PUT A SIGN-IN SHEET IN THE BACK FOR
5 YOU TO SIGN IN.

6 YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THAT DRAFT
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND

8 YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE AGAIN TO COMMENT ON IT.

9 THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING. WE'RE NOT
10 MAKING ANY DECISIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. WE'RE HERE
11 TO HEAR FROM YOU.

12 HAVING SAID THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK
13 MR. CORCORAN IF HE CAN GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE
14 PROPOSED PROJECT.

15 AND LET ME ASK MY STAFF IF I'VE MISSED
16 ANYTHING IN TERMS OF WHERE WE ARE AND THE PURPOSE OF
17 TONIGHT'S MEETING.

18 HADAR REMINDED ME THAT FROM TONIGHT FOR
19 ANOTHER MONTH, THE RECORD IS OPEN TO RECEIVE WRITTEN
20 COMMENTS. THERE ARE SHEETS IN THE BACK THAT
21 INDICATE TO WHOM YOU WRITE. THERE IS A BLACKBOARD
22 UP HERE THAT INDICATES TO WHOM YOU WRITE.

23 BUT THERE ARE FOUR ADDITIONAL WEEKS
24 AVAILABLE SO THOSE OF YOU WITH CONTINUING CONCERNS,
25 GROUPS THAT YOU GET TOGETHER WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR STAFF.
2 SO THE COMMENT PERIOD WILL CONTINUE A
3 MONTH AFTER TONIGHT'S MEETING.

4 MR. CORCORAN: THANK YOU.

5 GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU, EVERYBODY,
6 FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A
7 GOOD MEETING WITH A LOT OF PRODUCTIVE COMMENTS THAT
8 WILL HELP US SCOPE THIS PROJECT -- THE BEST PROJECT
9 IT CAN BE.

10 IT IS YOUR NIGHT TONIGHT. IT'S NOT

11 REALLY MY NIGHT. I AM JUST GOING TO GIVE A BRIEF
12 INTRODUCTION OR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT. THERE
13 ARE HANDOUTS IN THE FOYER IF YOU WANT TO GET A
14 LITTLE MORE DETAIL.

15 AND THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION THAT WAS
16 MAILED OUT AS PART OF THE OVER 31,000-PIECE MAILING
17 THAT WAS SENT OUT ON THIS PROJECT GIVES ADDITIONAL
18 INFORMATION AS WELL. SO YOU CAN REFER TO THAT.

19 BUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TONIGHT IS THAT
20 IF YOU'RE HERE, COME UP AND GIVE US SOME COMMENTS.
21 MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VOICE IS HEARD. MAKE SURE THAT
22 WHAT YOU WANT STUDIED OR CONSIDERED IN THIS
23 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS ON THE RECORD.

24 IF YOU DON'T -- AS THEY SAY, IF YOU DON'T
25 GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK OR YOU DON'T LIKE TO SPEAK IN

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1 PUBLIC, DO IT IN WRITING.

2 OKAY. GREAT. HERE'S WHAT THE PROJECT
3 IS.

4 BASICALLY, IT INCLUDES THREE THINGS. ONE
5 IS IT GUARANTEES PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE BRADLEY
6 LANDFILL ON OR BEFORE APRIL 2007 AT THE LATEST. THE
7 CLOSURE OF THE LANDFILL IS DESCRIBED AS PART OF THIS
8 PROJECT.

9 IT, NUMBER TWO, WILL EXPAND THE CAPACITY
10 FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN THE EXISTING
11 FOOTPRINT.

12 IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY NOT CHANGE THE
13 OPERATION OF THE LANDFILL IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN THE

14 SMALL HEIGHT INCREASE THAT WE'RE HOPING TO PUT INTO
15 PLACE IN THE CENTER PORTION OF THE LANDFILL, NOT
16 AROUND THE EDGES, BUT JUST IN THE CENTER PORTION.
17 AND THEN ONCE WE'RE DONE FILLING THERE,
18 THE SETTLEMENT OF THAT LANDFILL WILL BEGIN AND NO
19 WASTE WILL BE GOING BACK ON THERE ONCE WE'RE THROUGH
20 WITH THIS.
21 AND THE THIRD THING IS THE CONSTRUCTION
22 AND OPERATION OF A MODERN, CLEAN RECYCLING AND
23 TRANSPORT FACILITY, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY GOING TO
24 CONFORM WITH ALL OF THE MOST MODERN AND ADVANCED
25 TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE COME INTO OUR

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1 INDUSTRY IN RECENT YEARS.

2 THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE PROJECT. WE'RE
3 GOING TO, AGAIN, CLOSE THE SITE; SMALL INCREASE TO
4 GET THERE, TO ACCOMMODATE TRASH IN THE VALLEY, JUST
5 IN OUR GENERAL AREA; AND THEN THE CONSTRUCTION AND
6 OPERATION OF THAT MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND
7 TRANSFER STATION. AND THAT'S IT.

8 MS. GABEL-LUDDY: COUNCILWOMAN GALANTER
9 ASKED TO ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE TONIGHT AND PETER
10 BROWN FROM HER OFFICE IS HERE AS HER REPRESENTATIVE.
11 AND I'D LIKE TO WELCOME HIM.

12 IN ADDITION TO MR. BROWN, CARMEN PADILLA
13 IS HERE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT PADILLA'S OFFICE.

14 AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, MIGUEL SANTIAGO
15 IS HERE FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER CINDY MONTANEZ'S
16 OFFICE.

17 AND IN ADDITION TO HER, MARIA ARMOUDIAN
18 IS HERE FROM STATE SENATOR ALARCON'S OFFICE.

19 SO I'D LIKE TO WELCOME EACH OF THESE
20 ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVES AND GIVE THEM AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

22 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU FOR THE WELCOME TO
23 TONIGHT'S MEETING.

24 AS MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS MEETING WAS
25 ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. AND ONE OF THE

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1 PURPOSES FOR THIS MEETING IS TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY A
2 CHANCE TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS.

3 AND WE FELT AT THAT TIME THAT THERE
4 WASN'T AMPLE OPPORTUNITY OR AMPLE OUTREACH TO THE
5 COMMUNITY FOR THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT. AND WE
6 REQUESTED THAT WASTE MANAGEMENT POSTPONE THAT SO
7 THAT WE COULD DO A FULLER EFFORT IN LETTING THE
8 PUBLIC KNOW.

9 AND I WANT TO THANK WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR
10 VOLUNTEERING TO HOLD OFF ON THAT, BECAUSE THEY
11 DIDN'T HAVE TO, BUT THEY DID.

12 AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING
13 HERE TONIGHT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
14 PROJECT BECAUSE IT IMPACTS US ALL AND SO YOUR INPUT
15 IS VITAL.

16 NOW, THIS MEETING ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THE
17 LARGEST OUTREACH EVER ON ANY SINGLE PROJECT IN THE
18 CITY'S HISTORY. PRIOR TO THAT, I THINK WE DID A
19 ONE-MILE RADIUS NOTIFICATION. THIS ONE ACTUALLY

20 REPRESENTS A THREE-MILE RADIUS NOTIFICATION.
21 AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE WANT YOUR
22 COMMENTS, WE WANT YOUR NEIGHBORS' COMMENTS,
23 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THEIR
24 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.
25 NOW, THEY MAY VARY FROM WATER QUALITY TO

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1 AIR QUALITY TO TRAFFIC TO OTHER KINDS OF POLLUTION.
2 WE WANT TO HEAR IT BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
3 ADDRESS EVERY SINGLE ASPECT AND ASSURE THAT THE
4 PUBLIC'S HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY IS HEARD.
5 AND THIS IS ALSO YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE
6 PART OF THIS DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. IT WAS MY BOSS'S
7 BELIEF THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE FULLY INVOLVED.
8 AND BY DOING THAT, THAT MEANS HAVING THEM ATTEND AND
9 KNOW ABOUT EVERY STEP OF THIS PROCESS.
10 AS WAS ALSO MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS IS
11 ONLY THE BEGINNING. THIS WILL BE A LONG PROCESS, SO
12 THIS WILL NOT BE THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HAVE AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.
14 IF YOU DON'T -- IF YOU LISTEN TONIGHT AND
15 FEEL YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU COMMENT
16 FURTHER, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT, DO A
17 TOUR, WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHATEVER YOU NEED.
18 YOU CAN CONTACT THE CITY PLANNER'S OFFICE
19 AND GET MORE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO
20 COMMENT. BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR FROM
21 ALL OF YOU AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO BE
22 PART OF THIS PROCESS.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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MS. SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

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MY NAME IS CARMEN PADILLA AND I'M A

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REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER ALEX PADILLA.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PADILLA ASKED THAT I READ THE

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FOLLOWING BRIEF STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD:

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"AS THE SCOPING E.I.R. PROCESS

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BEGINS TO THE PROPOSED PLAN

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BEFORE US, THE COUNCIL MEMBER

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WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HIS

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CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO ANY

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PROPOSAL THAT WOULD EXTEND AND/OR

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EXPAND THE OPERATION OF BRADLEY

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LANDFILL.

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"THE COMMUNITY OF SUN VALLEY

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HAS BEEN HIT WITH POOR AIR

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QUALITY, [UNINTELLIGIBLE], ODORS,

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HEALTH IMPACTS, THREATS TO WATER

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QUALITY, NOISE, VIBRATION AND

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BLANK AS A RESULT OF THE BRADLEY

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LANDFILL.

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"THE COMMUNITY'S EXPERIENCES

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HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE IMPACT

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OF THIS FACILITY ARE BOTH

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SIGNIFICANT AND UNMITIGATED.

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EXPANDING OR EXTENDING THE

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OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY WILL

1 ONLY PERPETUATE AND EXACERBATE
2 THOSE IMPACTS.

3 "COUNCIL MEMBER PADILLA WILL BE
4 SUBMITTING A FORMAL, DETAILED
5 LETTER AS PART OF THE PUBLIC
6 [UNINTELLIGIBLE] PROCESS TO MAKE
7 THE THOSE CONCERNS HEARD.

8 "AND THANK YOU FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE TODAY.
10 THANK YOU."

11 MS. GABEL-LUDDY: MIGUEL SANTIAGO.

12 MR. SANTIAGO: (INAUDIBLE.)

13 MS. GABEL-LUDDY: ALL RIGHT. MARIA, DO YOU
14 ALSO WISH TO WAIT?

15 MS. ARMOUDIAN: I'D LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE IF
16 THE SENATOR COMES.

17 MS. GABEL-LUDDY: ALL RIGHT. THEN I'M
18 GOING TO TURN THE SPEAKING PART OF THE MEETING OVER
19 TO HADAR.

20 MR. PLAFKIN: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE
21 ABOUT TO BEGIN THE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING. THIS IS
22 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PORTION.

23 THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING -- THIS IS
24 A -- WHAT IS KNOWN AS A SCOPING MEETING AND IT IS TO
25 DETERMINE WHAT ISSUES NEED TO BE ANALYZED IN AN

1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WE ARE GOING TO BE
2 PREPARING.

3 NOW, KEEP IN MIND, THERE ARE NO
4 DECISION-MAKERS HERE. WE'RE NOT TAKING TESTIMONY AS
5 TO WHETHER YOU'RE IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED TO THE
6 PROJECT. YOU CAN STATE IT, BUT IT REALLY DOESN'T
7 AFFECT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

8 WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FOR -- THE JOB
9 OF THIS MEETING, THE PURPOSE -- IS TO COME OUT WITH
10 A LIST OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
11 REPORT, THAT WHEN THE DECISION-MAKERS DO SIT DOWN TO
12 MAKE THEIR DECISION, THEY'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE
13 IMPACTS OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE.

14 AND FOR THAT REASON, WE WANT YOU TO TELL
15 US WHAT ISSUES YOU FEEL NEED TO BE STUDIED. AND
16 THAT'S -- THAT IS OUR JOB HERE FOR THE EVENING.

17 I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SPEAKERS WE'RE
18 GOING TO HAVE. WE ARE PRESUMING THERE ARE GOING TO
19 BE QUITE A FEW OF YOU, SO WE'RE AT THE MOMENT GOING
20 TO LIMIT PEOPLE TO THREE MINUTES TO GIVE YOUR
21 TESTIMONY.

22 AND THEN IF, AT THE END OF THE MEETING,
23 THERE'S STILL TIME AVAILABLE, WE MIGHT LET PEOPLE
24 SPEAK LONGER. BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, THREE MINUTES
25 ONLY.

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1 THERE IS NO ABILITY FOR QUESTIONS AND
2 ANSWERS. ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE DOING THE REPORTS
3 IS BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN WE'LL HAVE THE ANSWERS. WHAT

4 WE NEED NOW ARE ONLY THE QUESTIONS BECAUSE UNTIL WE
5 DO THE REPORT, THERE ARE NO ANSWERS.

6 THAT BEING SAID, WHAT I WILL DO IS I WILL
7 ANNOUNCE THREE NAMES. THEY'LL BE THE FIRST THREE
8 SPEAKERS. WHEN THOSE THREE HAVE SPOKEN, THEN I WILL
9 CALL ANOTHER THREE NAMES AND THAT WILL GIVE THE
10 PEOPLE A CHANCE TO GET READY TO GET UP AND SPEAK.

11 THE FIRST SPEAKER IS CYNTHIA DESPRES,
12 THEN RON JOHNSON AND THEN SENATOR ALARCON, WHEN HE
13 COMES, WILL BE ALLOWED -- HE DOESN'T NEED A SPEAKER
14 CARD. AND THEN MIGUEL RAMIREZ.

15 AND I -- IF I HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE
16 NAMES, EXCUSE ME. I FORGOT MY READING GLASSES.

17 MS. DESPRES: HELLO. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA
18 DESPRES AND I'M A RESIDENT OF SHADOW HILLS. I'VE
19 LIVED THERE FOR SIX YEARS. MY HOME IS ABOUT A
20 LITTLE LESS THAN TWO MILES FROM BRADLEY LANDFILL.

21 SHADOW HILLS IS A BEAUTIFUL RURAL
22 COMMUNITY. I MOVED THERE FOR THE CLEAN AIR AND THE
23 RURAL, HEALTHFUL LIFE-STYLE THAT IS PROMOTED THERE.
24 IT'S RECOGNIZED AS BEING AN ASSET TO OUR -- TO
25 LOS ANGELES.

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1 FROM MY HOUSE -- I LIVE ON A SLIGHT
2 HILL -- I LOOK -- I DIDN'T -- WHEN I MOVED THERE, I
3 DID NOT SEE BRADLEY LANDFILL.

4 AND AS THE PAST SIX YEARS HAVE GONE BY,
5 BRADLEY LANDFILL IS MORE AND MORE VISIBLE TO MY HOME
6 AS WELL AS TO THE HOMES OF MY NEIGHBORS AND WE

7 CONSIDER IT AN EXTREME VISUAL BLIGHT.

8 I SHOP IN THE COMMUNITY, AS I LIKE TO
9 SUPPORT THE LOCAL STORES, AND I FEEL I SHOULD BE
10 WEARING A GAS MASK WHEN I SHOP THERE BECAUSE OF THE
11 STENCH, THE STINK.

12 I WORK IN STUDIO CITY AND SO I HAVE TO
13 CATCH THE 160. I DRIVE BY BRADLEY LANDFILL TO CATCH
14 THE FREEWAY TO AND FROM WORK AND I FEEL LIKE I
15 SHOULD WEAR MY GAS MASK.

16 THERE IS -- THE ROADS ARE IN POOR
17 CONDITION BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE TRUCKS THAT GO BY.

18 I AM MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE
19 CONSIDERABLE CUMULATIVE IMPACT THAT THIS PROPOSED
20 EXPANSION WOULD HAVE. AND THIS EXPANSION WOULD
21 ALLOW THE TRANSFER STATION TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY,
22 SO IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE.

23 RIGHT NOW, OUR COMMUNITY IS OVERBURDENED
24 WITH LANDFILLS AND JUNKYARDS AND CAR REPAIR STORES,
25 AND EVERY MONTH IT SEEMS LIKE A NEW PERMIT IS

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1 GETTING ISSUED WITH NO CONSIDERATION TO OUR HEALTH
2 AND OUR WELL-BEING.

3 THE AIR QUALITY IS ALREADY FAR, FAR TOO
4 HAZARDOUS TO MY HEALTH AND TO THE HEALTH OF THE
5 CHILDREN AT THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.

6 YOU KNOW, I GET HEADACHES ON A REGULAR
7 BASIS WHEN I WORK IN MY YARD, SO IT MAKES ME WONDER
8 HOW -- CURRENTLY, WHAT THE AIR QUALITY IS LIKE.

9 I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE

10 TRAFFIC. APPARENTLY, THIS EXPANSION WILL BRING
11 1,760 TRUCKS A DAY AND I BELIEVE THESE ARE DIESEL
12 TRUCKS, SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT AIR QUALITY; I'M
13 CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC; I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE
14 CONDITION OF THE ROADS.

15 WHO PAYS FOR THAT? WE PAY FOR THAT.

16 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE VISUAL BLIGHT.

17 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO MY
18 PROPERTY VALUE. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT LOSS OF
19 BUSINESSES -- DESIRABLE BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

20 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

21 MR. PLAFKIN: I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK, WHEN
22 YOU DO SPEAK AND YOU GIVE YOUR NAME, PLEASE ALSO
23 INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AS WELL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO,
24 BUT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO.

25 RON JOHNSON.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: HELLO. MY NAME IS RON
2 JOHNSON, 7019 CALHOUN AVENUE IN VAN NUYS.

3 I'M GOING TO RESUBMIT WHAT I HAVE TO SAY
4 IN WRITING, BUT I WANTED TO ADDRESS THREE THINGS I
5 HEARD HERE ALREADY TONIGHT.

6 IT'S NOT A TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF THE
7 LANDFILL. IT'S PERMANENT. IT WILL BE THERE FOR THE
8 REST OF OUR LIVES.

9 AND 43 FEET MIGHT BE SMALL TO SOME
10 PEOPLE, BUT LOOKS LIKE A MOUNTAIN IF YOU'RE DRIVING
11 BY.

12 AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE WORDING OF THE
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13 ORIGINAL PERMIT. WAS IT TILL 2007 OR WAS IT TILL
14 2007 OR CAPACITY REACHED? AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT
15 CLARIFIED.

16 MR. PLAFKIN: THANK YOU.

17 MIGUEL RAMIREZ.

18 MR. RAMIREZ: MY NAME IS MIGUEL RAMIREZ.
19 MY ADDRESS IS 8983 CAYUGA, SUN VALLEY.

20 I BROUGHT MY HOUSE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO,
21 BUT I LIVED IN SUN VALLEY OVER 20 YEARS.

22 MY JOB IS OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR. I ENJOY
23 SERVING THE RESIDENTS IN SUN VALLEY AND OUR
24 CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

25 I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE E.I.R.

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1 RESEARCHES THE MOST MODERN LANDFILL TECHNOLOGIES AND
2 PROCEDURES, LOOKS AT OTHER LANDFILLS AND SHOWS US
3 BRADLEY DOES USE THE BEST ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNIQUES
4 AS PART OF THE TRANSITION THAT WE MAKE.

5 I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE E.I.R.
6 STUDIES THE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT THIS PROJECT HAS ON
7 OUR CUSTOMERS AND OUR ECONOMY.

8 OUR CUSTOMERS CANNOT AFFORD HIGHER TRASH
9 RECYCLING COSTS, WHICH WILL HAPPEN IF LOCAL
10 DISPOSAL, RECYCLING AND TRANSFER FACILITIES ARE NOT
11 MAINTAINED AND NEW ONES AREN'T ADDED. I ALREADY
12 HEAR OUR CUSTOMERS SAYING PRICES ARE HIGH ENOUGH.

13 THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO HAS FEW
14 LONG-TERM, STABLE EMPLOYERS AND HAS THE HIGHEST
15 UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY. DON'T MAKE IT EVEN HARDER

16 FOR COMPANIES TO DO BUSINESS IN L.A.
17 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES JUST PROPOSED WE
18 INCREASE TRASH FEES ON RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR POLICE
19 OFFICERS. WELL, MORE INCREASES ARE JUST AROUND THE
20 CORNER IF THE TRANSITION MASTER PLAN IS NOT
21 APPROVED.

22 THANK YOU.

23 MR. PLAFKIN: AGAIN, I'M GOING TO TRY TO
24 ASK YOU TO TRY TO CONFINE YOUR COMMENTS TO
25 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, PLEASE. IT'S AN

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: HOW DO YOU SIGN UP TO
3 SPEAK?

4 MR. PLAFKIN: SPEAKERS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE
5 OUT IN THE LOBBY.

6 OKAY. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS ANN JONES,
7 FOLLOWED BY EDITH COHEN, FOLLOWED BY TONY PINIZOTTO.

8 MS. JONES: HI. MY NAME IS ANN JONES. MY
9 ADDRESS IS 10912 VINEDALE STREET IN SUN VALLEY.
10 I'VE LIVED IN SUN VALLEY FOR 15 YEARS.

11 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE E.I.R.
12 STUDIES THE EFFECT OF THE TRANSITION MASTER PLAN AND
13 OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ON OPEN
14 DUMPING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

15 I HAVE HEARD HOW COUNCILWOMAN GALANTER
16 AND COUNCILWOMAN GREUEL HAVE TRASH COLLECTION DAYS
17 IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND HOW THE CITY IS TRYING TO
18 CLEAN UP OURS AND OTHER PLACES WHERE PEOPLE

19 ILLEGALLY DUMP THEIR TRASH.
20 BRADLEY IS OPEN ON THE WEEKENDS. IT'S
21 CONVENIENT TO ME AND MY NEIGHBORS. WE CAN ALWAYS
22 TAKE OUR TRASH THERE WHEN WE NEED TO, BIG ITEMS OR
23 SMALL. AND IF BRADLEY CLOSES, THE ILLEGAL DUMPING
24 WILL INCREASE LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.
25 WHERE IS ALL THE TRASH GOING TO GO? I

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1 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE E.I.R. SHOWS THAT ILLEGAL
2 DUMPING, WHICH IS ALREADY A PROBLEM HERE, WILL GET
3 WORSE UNLESS THE TRANSITION MASTER PLAN IS APPROVED.

4 THANK YOU.

5 MR. PLAFKIN: EDITH COHEN.

6 MS. COHEN: YES. I'M EDITH COHEN, 10963
7 GOSS STREET. I'VE LIVED IN SUN VALLEY APPROXIMATELY
8 13 YEARS.

9 AND WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT EVERY
10 SINGLE ONE OF THE ITEMS YOU HAVE ON YOUR SIGN UP
11 HERE, BUT TO MAKE MY MAIN FOCUS, I THINK I WOULD
12 PICK THE TRAFFIC.

13 OUR STREETS ARE IN HORRENDOUS CONDITION.
14 THEY HAVE BEEN FOR THE ENTIRE TIME I'VE LIVED HERE,
15 BUT THEY'VE GOTTEN WORSE RECENTLY.

16 I DRIVE A SMALL R.V. ON A REGULAR BASIS,
17 BUT I ONLY HAVE TWO MAIN ACCESSES TO MY HOME. ONE I
18 CAN'T EVEN USE FOR MY R.V. BECAUSE I TEAR UP MY
19 SUSPENSION. IT'S NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE ROCKS
20 IN THE ROAD.

21 FROM THE TRUCKS, THE VIBRATIONS AS THEY

22 GO BY QUITE EARLY IN THE MORNING, THE DIESEL FUMES
23 ARE SOMETHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. AND GENERALLY,
24 THE NOISE LEVEL IS HORRENDOUS.
25 SO I'LL BE BRIEF AND LEAVE IT AT THAT.

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1 MR. PLAFKIN: THANK YOU.

2 TONY PINIZZOTTO.

3 MR. PINIZZOTTO: HI. I'M TONY PINIZZOTTO,
4 11433 STAGG STREET IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD.

5 I'M GOING TO KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF. I
6 BASICALLY HAVE SOME QUESTIONS THAT -- THESE ARE
7 RHETORICAL QUESTIONS FOR THE E.I.R. REPORT.

8 MY QUESTIONS ARE: WHAT TESTS HAVE BEEN
9 PERFORMED TO SEE THAT THE AMOUNTS OF LANDFILL AND
10 FACTORIES AND THE POWER LINES, THE AIRPORT, THE
11 ROADS, ALONG WITH THE LANDFILL THAT EXISTS HAVE
12 AFFECTED THE POLLUTION FROM THE START OF ANY CHANGE
13 THAT MIGHT OCCUR WHERE ANY DUMPING STARTED TO GET TO
14 THE POINT WHERE IT'S FULL?

15 SO I BELIEVE THAT THOSE TESTS NEED TO BE
16 DONE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF EFFECT OCCURRED ON THE AREA
17 UP UNTIL THIS POINT.

18 MY OTHER QUESTION IS: WHOSE JURISDICTION
19 IS THIS GOING TO FALL UNDER? IS IT THE CITY, THE
20 COUNTY, THE STATE? WHO'S MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT
21 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD? AND WHAT
22 INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONVEYING THE NEEDS TO
23 THE COMMUNITY?

24 I'VE CONTACTED SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS,

25 SUCH AS E.P.A. WEST, LOS ANGELES ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 PROTECTION AGENCY, THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
2 CONTROL AND THE BURBANK DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC CONTROL.

3 I BELIEVE THESE ARE ALL ORGANIZATIONS
4 THAT NEED TO BE INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING. I'M
5 NOT SURE THEY HAVE.

6 WHAT'S THE TIME FRAME OF THE PROCESS? I
7 BELIEVE THAT'S IN THE HANDOUT YOU GAVE, BUT I'M NOT
8 REALLY POSITIVE.

9 I WAS A BIT CONFUSED BY THE INITIAL
10 REPORT. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, THE LANDFILL'S NOW
11 FULL. IT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE FULL UNTIL 2007.
12 MORE, THEY WILL EXPAND AND MORE TRASH WILL BE
13 BROUGHT IN.

14 AND THEN I THINK, FROM WHAT THE REPORT
15 SAID, THE TRASH WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK OUT AND A SOIL
16 PAD PUT ON. I'M NOT SURE. I THOUGHT THAT THE
17 REPORT WAS UNCLEAR.

18 MY FINAL COMMENT IS BASICALLY MORE OF
19 WHAT'S BEEN SAID ALREADY. THERE'S ALREADY TOO MUCH
20 POLLUTION IN THIS AREA. IT'S AN ECONOMICALLY
21 DEPRESSED AREA. IT'S TRYING TO GET BETTER. I DON'T
22 THINK THIS IS GOING TO HELP.

23 I THINK THAT THE CITY IS TAKING ADVANTAGE
24 OF MULTIRACIAL AREAS.

25 AND BASICALLY, MY FINAL QUESTION IS: THE

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1 PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING DECISIONS ON WHAT'S GOING TO
2 HAPPEN -- WHERE DO THEY LIVE? ARE THEY LIVING IN
3 THIS AREA OR IS IT FAT CATS DOWNTOWN?

4 THANKS.

5 MR. PLAFKIN: NEXT SPEAKER: JUAN ALCALA.
6 THEN THEODORE LERCHENMULLER AND THEN CHARLES ADDCOX.

7 MR. ALCALA: HI. MY NAME IS JUAN ALCALA.
8 I'M A BUSINESS OWNER AT 11679 SHELDON STREET, ACROSS
9 THE STREET FROM THE BRADLEY DUMP.

10 I'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 20 YEARS AND
11 THE LAST SIX YEARS OF GETTING MORE AND MORE
12 DEPRESSED, MORE CONTAMINATED THAN EVER. ALL THE
13 BUSINESSES ARE DYING.

14 I GET HEADACHES, CONTINUOUS HEADACHES ALL
15 THE TIME. IT'S VERY BAD, THE AIR, THE DUST. AND
16 IT'S REALLY SAD. AND I'M TRYING TO HANG ON IN MY
17 BUSINESS.

18 AND I WONDER: WHO IS MAKING THE
19 DECISIONS FOR US? WHO ARE THE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE
20 FROM THE CITY THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO CLEAN THE AIR,
21 CLEAN THE CONTAMINANTS IN THE AREA AND MAKE IT
22 BETTER FOR ALL OF US?

23 I HAVE CALLED AND COMPLAINED. NOBODY
24 SEEMS TO RESPOND, TO HAVE ANY GOOD ANSWERS FOR US.
25 I KNOW WE DIDN'T WANT LANDFILLS. I KNOW WE HAVE

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1 LOTS OF TRASH.

2 BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN YOU BUILT THIS
3 TRASH DUMP, THE AREA WAS NOT POPULATED. WE HAVE A
4 LOT OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA. WE HAVE SCHOOLS
5 AROUND IN THIS AREA. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF
6 PEOPLE SICK. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE.

7 I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE CITY, THE STATE
8 OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PLANNED TO COMPENSATE
9 ALL THE PEOPLE GOING TO GET SICK. AND I THINK
10 SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE MORE CONCERN OF THE PEOPLE THAT
11 LIVE IN THE AREA.

12 IT'S REALLY SAD TO HAVE A BUSINESS THERE
13 FOR 20 YEARS AND SEE HOW THE AREA CONTINUES TO GET
14 WORSE AND WORSE AND NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE. AND I'D
15 LIKE TO HAVE SOME ANSWER AS A BUSINESS OWNER.

16 I ALSO LIVE IN THE AREA FOR 20 YEARS. WE
17 LIVE ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM THE DUMP, 8919 WHEATLAND
18 AVENUE. WE GET HEADACHES IN THE NIGHT WHEN WE OPEN
19 OUR WINDOWS. WE GET THE AWFUL SMELL. WE CAN'T
20 BREATHE ANY AIR ANYMORE.

21 I MEAN, WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE? DO WE
22 ALL HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF THE CITY TILL SOMEBODY'S
23 GOING TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR US?

24 I SEE IT AS REALLY, REALLY BAD. AND LIKE
25 I SAID, I LIVE IN THE AREA FOR 20 YEARS. I OWN A

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1 BUSINESS, I LIVE THERE AND I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE
2 COMPLAINING OF HEADACHES. SOME OF THE KIDS CAN'T
3 EVEN GO PLAY OUTSIDE ANYMORE BECAUSE THEY WILL GET A
4 HEADACHE.

5 THE SMELL IS AWFUL. AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW
6 WHAT THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY ARE PLANNING TO DO TO
7 MAKE IT BETTER FOR ALL OF US.

8 THANK YOU.

9 MR. PLAFKIN: OKAY, PEOPLE. I'M GOING TO
10 ASK YOU -- I KNOW THERE'S A DESIRE TO APPLAUD. IF
11 YOU DO, DO IT BRIEFLY BECAUSE THE MORE TIME YOU
12 TAKE, IT TAKES IT AWAY FROM OTHER SPEAKERS. JUST A
13 LITTLE APPLAUSE IS OKAY.

14 PETER LERCHENMULLER.

15 MR. LERCHENMULLER: MY NAME IS PETER
16 LERCHENMULLER. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE
17 SUNLAND/SHADOW HILLS AREA. I'VE LIVED THERE 30
18 YEARS. MY ADDRESS IS 10870 WALNUT DRIVE.

19 I AM HERE ALSO TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS.
20 WHAT COUNCILMAN PADILLA'S REPRESENTATIVE STATED AND
21 THE LADY FROM SHADOW HILLS AND THIS GENTLEMAN OVER
22 HERE WITH THE HEALTH CONCERNS ARE ALSO MY CONCERNS.

23 IN ADDITION TO THOSE, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
24 THE TRANSFER STATION IN PARTICULAR, FOR THE SAME
25 REASONS. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I KNOW OF FOUR TRANSFER

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1 STATIONS IMMEDIATELY AROUND IN THE SUN VALLEY AREA
2 NOW. ADDING ANOTHER ONE IS NOT GOING TO BENEFIT --
3 BE BENEFICIAL.

4 ALSO, THE ONES THAT ARE HERE ARE QUITE
5 INADEQUATE. THEY'RE UNHEALTHY. IF EVERY -- IF
6 ANYBODY GOES OVER THERE TO WATCH IT, YOU WOULD BE
7 AMAZED.

8 I THINK THAT IF WE ADD THIS TRANSFER
9 STATION, WE WILL THEN HAVE SUN VALLEY AS THE TRASH
10 CENTER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND I DON'T THINK
11 THAT'S FAIR.

12 I HAVE ALSO CONCERNS ABOUT THE INCREASED
13 TRAFFIC AND THE HOURS OF OPERATION. I NOTE THAT
14 THIS IS SUPPOSED TO GO FROM 6:00 A.M. TILL MIDNIGHT.
15 THAT IS TOTALLY UNREASONABLE. MIDNIGHT -- PEOPLE
16 ARE GOING TO BE DRIVING AROUND WITH THESE TRUCKS AND
17 ALL THE REST OF IT. THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

18 WE WERE PROMISED IN OUR COMMUNITY A
19 NUMBER OF YEARS AGO THAT THIS FACILITY WOULD CLOSE,
20 EITHER WHEN IT REACHED CAPACITY OR THE YEAR 2007.

21 I INSIST AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COMMUNITY
22 THAT THE CITY, STATE, COUNTY AND ANYBODY ELSE,
23 INCLUDING WASTE MANAGEMENT, HONOR THAT COMMITMENT.
24 OTHERWISE, WE'RE BEING TOLD THE SAME STORY AGAIN
25 TONIGHT AND MY KIDS WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT IT.

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1 THE TRANSFER FACILITY WILL BE A PERMANENT
2 ONE, I'M LED TO BELIEVE.

3 I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INVOLVEMENT
4 BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
5 DISTRICT IN THIS. I THINK THIS IS THEIR CONCERN AND
6 THEIR JOB. AND I DO NOT SEE ANYTHING THAT'S BEEN
7 ADDRESSED IN THAT AREA BECAUSE ALL OF US HAVE THE
8 SAME PROBLEM: SMELLS, HEADACHES.

9 THANK YOU.

10 MR. PLAFKIN: THANK YOU.

11 WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE FROM THE
12 MAYOR'S OFFICE, JOHN SHEPPARD.

13 MR. SHEPPARD: GOOD EVENING. JOHN
14 SHEPPARD. I'M WITH MAYOR JIM HAHN'S OFFICE. I HAVE
15 A STATEMENT THAT THE MAYOR HAS PREPARED THIS
16 AFTERNOON, SO I'LL READ IT AND STAY WITHIN THE THREE
17 MINUTES.

18 "I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN
19 EXPLICITLY STATE MY OPPOSITION TO
20 ANY EXPANSION OF THE BRADLEY
21 LANDFILL. BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF
22 THIS MEETING IS TO DETERMINE THE
23 PARAMETERS OF THE FUTURE
24 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
25 THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE

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1 LANDFILL, I WANT TO MAKE SURE
2 THAT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE
3 PROPOSED EXPANSION ARE THOROUGHLY
4 STUDIED AND GIVEN ADEQUATE
5 WEIGHT.

6 "AS I'M SURE THAT YOU ARE
7 AWARE, THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
8 CONTROL BOARD IS CURRENTLY
9 CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AT
10 THE BRADLEY LANDFILL IN AN EFFORT
11 TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPES OF
12 MATERIAL MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO
13 RECENT PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

14 INDICATING THAT LEACHATE FROM THE
15 LANDFILL EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS
16 FOR RADIOACTIVE CONSENT.

17 "MOREOVER, AN ISSUE CONTINUES
18 TO EXIST CONCERNING METHANE GAS
19 RELEASES AT THE BRADLEY SITE.
20 THEREFORE, BEFORE ANY EXPANSION
21 OR TRANSITION PLAN IS CONSIDERED,
22 THESE ISSUES MUST BE RESOLVED.

23 "IN ADDITION, I HAVE SERIOUS
24 CONCERNS ABOUT THE BASIC CITING
25 OF THIS LANDFILL WITHIN AN

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1 INCREASINGLY URBAN AREA. THE
2 EFFECTS OF A LANDFILL UPON THE
3 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF
4 NEARBY RESIDENTS, CHILDREN AND
5 SENIORS MUST BE CLOSELY EXAMINED.

6 "THE SAFEST ALTERNATIVE IS,
7 QUITE SIMPLY, TO PREVENT THE
8 EXPANSION OF THE LANDFILL AND
9 ULTIMATELY CLOSE THIS AND OTHER
10 LIKE FACILITIES WITHIN OUR
11 COMMUNITY. IT IS PRECISELY
12 BECAUSE OF ISSUES SUCH AS THESE
13 THAT I REMAIN STEADFAST THAT THE
14 BRADLEY LANDFILL SHOULD NOT BE
15 PERMITTED ANY FUTURE EXPANSION.

16 "THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS

17 WHO MUST LIVE ADJACENT TO THESE
18 LANDFILLS, AS WELL AS THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS OF OUR
20 ENTIRE COMMUNITY, SHOULD BE
21 PARAMOUNT IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS.
22 PLEASE DO NOT BE SWAYED BY
23 POLITICS OR EMOTION. THE SAFETY
24 OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS AT
25 STAKE."

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1 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 MR. PLAFKIN: CHARLES ADDCOX.
3 MR. ADDCOX: AS YOU MENTIONED, MY NAME IS
4 CHARLES ADDCOX. I'M A RESIDENT OF 12067 WICKS
5 STREET, WHICH IS EXACTLY TWO BLOCKS FROM THE BRADLEY
6 LANDFILL.
7 I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME, HOWEVER, AS
8 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT FERNANGELES ELEMENTARY
9 SCHOOL, WHICH IS TWO BLOCKS FROM THE BRADLEY
10 LANDFILL.
11 ALTHOUGH I RESPECT THE FACT THAT WE'RE
12 HAVING A SCOPING MEETING AND WE HAVE MEETINGS AND
13 PROCESSES THAT ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF PERMITS AND
14 OTHER LANDFILLS AND OTHER ISSUES OF THE COMMUNITY, I
15 FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT AND VERY PROBLEMATIC TO
16 UNDERSTAND THAT OVER A YEAR, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
17 HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE LANDFILL AND THE
18 ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTING ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY
19 AND YET WE'RE STILL IN A MEETING TALKING ABOUT IT.

20 THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT. I HAVE THREE
21 ISSUES.
22 THE FIRST ONE IS HEALTH, THE SECOND ONE
23 IS ENVIRONMENTAL AND THIRD ONE IS SOCIAL EQUITY.
24 ADDRESSING THE HEALTH ISSUE, OVER THE
25 YEARS, AND I'VE LIVED IN SUN VALLEY FOR OVER 50

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1 YEARS, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE AIR QUALITY IS
2 WORSE NOW THAN IT WAS THEN.

3 I HAVE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS AND I KNOW OF
4 MANY OTHER RESIDENTS THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM
5 RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE AIR.

6 AT FERNANGELES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE HAVE
7 OVER 40, 50 PERCENT HIGHER RATE OF ASTHMA THAN WE
8 DID EVEN SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO. THERE HAS TO BE
9 SOMETHING IN THAT ISSUE.

10 SECOND, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE AIR, THE
11 DUST, THE NOISE AND ALL OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT
12 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE YOU CONTINUE. AND THEY
13 WILL CONTINUE WHILE WE TALK ABOUT IT.

14 OVER A YEAR, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT;
15 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GETTING SICK. HEALTH ISSUES,
16 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CONTINUE EVEN THOUGH WE
17 CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT IT. IT'S TIME TO ACT.

18 MY FINAL ISSUE IS THE SOCIAL EQUITY
19 ISSUE. SUN VALLEY IS NOT A DUMPING CITY. IT'S A
20 CITY THAT HAS PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER
21 PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD. IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT IT'S
22 A LOW ECONOMIC AREA WITH MANY MINORITIES.

23 AND THAT IS NOT A REASON FOR IT TO
24 CONTINUE TO BE THE DUMPING AREA OF THE STATE OF
25 CALIFORNIA, WHICH IT HAPPENS TO BE AT THIS

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1 PARTICULAR POINT.

2 AND I THINK THAT THAT ISSUE NEEDS TO BE
3 ADDRESSED MORE SERIOUSLY BECAUSE IT IS NOT FAIR AND
4 OUR COMMUNITY KNOWS THAT.

5 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CLOSE BY REMINDING
6 EVERYBODY THAT OVER A YEAR, WE'VE HAD POLITICIANS --
7 I'M GOING TO SAY ELECTED OFFICIALS -- AND I
8 APPRECIATE THE ONES WHO SPOKE OUT CATEGORICALLY
9 AGAINST THE BRADLEY LANDFILL TONIGHT.

10 AND THEY ARE TONY CARDENAS, ALEX PADILLA,
11 RUTH GALANTER, WENDY GREUEL, RICHARD ALARCON AND
12 JAMES HAHN, WHO ALL FOR SOME REASON OPPOSE THIS
13 LANDFILL. LET'S ASK OURSELVES WHY.

14 MR. PLAFKIN: THANK YOU.

15 NEXT SPEAKER, CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ, FOLLOWED
16 BY DEBRA STEPHENS, FOLLOWED BY MARY BENSON.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: MY NAME IS CYNTHIA
18 RODRIGUEZ. I LIVE AT 7539 HOLLYWOOD WAY, ON THE
19 CORNER OF HOLLYWOOD WAY AND GLENOAKS. I LIVE TWO
20 EXITS FROM THIS LANDFILL. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT
21 FOR 25 YEARS.

22 I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE
23 ENVIRONMENT IMPACT REPORT INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT
24 EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THIS PROPOSED
25 TRANSITION MASTER PLAN. THE STUDY CANNOT IGNORE THE

1 ALREADY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY OF SUN VALLEY.
2 AND IN FACT, WASTE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYS
3 OVER 200 EMPLOYEES EARNING ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE. OVER
4 75 PERCENT OF THESE EMPLOYEES LIVE NEAR THIS
5 LANDFILL. OVER 90 PERCENT OF THEM ARE, INCLUDING
6 MYSELF, OF HISPANIC DESCENT.

7 THIS OPERATION IS SPENDING 4.3 MILLION
8 DOLLARS A YEAR IN PAYROLL, WHICH GOES RIGHT BACK
9 INTO THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE ALL LIVE HERE AND
10 SPEND OUR MONEY LOCALLY.

11 WASTE MANAGEMENT IS ALSO SPENDING MONEY
12 LOCALLY WITH 7 MILLION OF IT GOING TO LOCAL
13 SUPPLIERS AND VENDORS IN THIS CITY. WASTE
14 MANAGEMENT HAS ALSO SPENT OR SPENDS NEAR 1 MILLION
15 DOLLARS IN THIS -- ADDING TO THE CITY BUDGET IN FEES
16 AND TAXES. WE CAN'T IGNORE THESE FIGURES.

17 I SUSPECT THAT THIS E.I.R. IS GOING TO
18 RESULT IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS TRANSITION PLAN
19 BECAUSE IF IT IS DENIED, THE IMPACT OF THE LOST
20 WAGES AND REVENUES WILL RESULT IN A CHAIN OF EVENTS
21 THAT WILL RESULT IN URBAN BLIGHT AS WELL AS
22 SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS IN AN ALREADY
23 STRUGGLING COMMUNITY.

24 THESE FIGURES CAN BE FOUND IN THIS
25 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT THAT WAS CONDUCTED IN

1 APRIL 2002 FROM THE ECONOMICS RESEARCH ASSOCIATES
2 AND I WILL BRING THAT UP TO YOU.

3 LASTLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THE, YOU KNOW,
4 OPPONENTS -- AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S ENVIRONMENTAL
5 ISSUES. THE OPPONENTS QUESTIONED OR MAY QUESTION
6 THE ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY OF THIS PARTICULAR
7 OPERATION.

8 I HAVE GONE TO THIS LANDFILL, I HAVE
9 VIEWED THE LANDFILL AND I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE TOUR
10 OF THE LANDFILL. AND I HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY AND
11 ADDRESSED THESE ISSUES WITH ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND
12 WE HAVE REASONABLY COLLECTED OVER 6- -- NO, OVER 800
13 SUPPORT CARDS AND LETTERS IN FAVOR OF THIS
14 TRANSITION PLAN.

15 THOSE WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN ARE NOT
16 ATTACHED TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATING PLAN, BUT
17 THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT THIS COMPANY HAS IMPROVED
18 AND INVESTED IN TECHNOLOGIES TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC
19 SAFETY.

20 THANK YOU.

21 MS. STEPHENS: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS
22 DEBRA STEPHENS. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS
23 ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN OPERATIONS OF THE
24 BRADLEY LANDFILL SITE.

25 I CURRENTLY RESIDE IN SHADOW HILLS, A

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1 COMMUNITY ADJACENT TO THE BRADLEY LANDFILL. MY
2 CURRENT ADDRESS IS 9975 WHEATLAND AVENUE. I HAVE
3 LIVED IN SHADOW HILLS FOR OVER 25 YEARS, WHICH

4 REPRESENTS OVER HALF OF MY LIFE.

5 I AM OPPOSED TO THE CHANGE AT THE BRADLEY
6 LANDFILL SITE BECAUSE I FEEL IT WILL HAVE DIRECT
7 IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

8 BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF MY
9 NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE SITE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
10 REPORT TO BE PREPARED FOR THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE AN
11 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND I ASK THAT IT WILL
12 STUDY THE FULL EFFECTS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT'S
13 PROPOSAL.

14 THE FULL EFFECTS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT'S
15 PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE ASSESSED BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT
16 THAT WILL EFFECT THE AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY AND
17 THE ESTHETICS OF THE SITE.

18 AS A VOLUNTARILY MEMBER OF THE POLICE
19 ADVISORY BOARD, I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE
20 TRAFFIC ISSUES THAT A TRANSFER STATION WOULD
21 INTRODUCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

22 I DO NOT WANT THIS PROPOSAL TO EXACERBATE
23 THE EXISTING IMPACTS THAT I FEEL THE BRADLEY
24 LANDFILL HAS IMPOSED ON MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT I
25 HAVE HAD TO ENDURE.

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1 THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT AN ASSET TO MY
2 NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE COMMUNAL IMPACT OF THIS
3 LANDFILL NEEDS TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED IN THE
4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT THAT IS GOING TO BE
5 PREPARED.

6 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS,
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7 INCLUDING MYSELF, THAT RESIDE RIGHT NEARBY THIS
8 LANDFILL SITE NEEDS TO BE RESEARCHED AND RESPONSIBLY
9 EVALUATED.

10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY
11 COMMENTS TONIGHT.

12 MS. BENSON: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS MARY
13 BENSON. I RESIDE AT 11070 SHELDON STREET. THAT'S
14 IN SUN VALLEY.

15 I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MANY OF THE SAME
16 ISSUES THAT ARE MENTIONED TONIGHT, BUT MY PARTICULAR
17 PROBLEM WITH THIS LANDFILL IS THAT THIS 209 ACRES
18 HAS BEEN IN OPERATION AND BEEN RECEIVING TRASH NOW
19 FOR 44 YEARS.

20 AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PERIOD, THERE
21 WERE NO LINERS, NO CONCERNS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL
22 JUNK THAT WAS BEING THROWN INTO THIS LANDFILL, AND
23 IT'S AT THE BOTTOM, DOWN BY OUR WATER TABLE.

24 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS AN ANALYSIS
25 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CUMULATIVELY FROM 1959

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1 UNTIL NOW AND THE CHANGES THAT HAVE RESULTED IN NOT
2 ONLY THE HEIGHT OF THIS LANDFILL, BUT ALSO THE
3 FOOTPRINT EXPANDING EVER OUTWARD, EVER OUTWARD.

4 HOW IS IT THAT A LANDFILL THAT WAS
5 SUPPOSED TO GO TO GROUND LEVEL NOW WANTS TO RISE
6 ALMOST 200 FEET ABOVE THE CITY STREETS? HOW IS IT
7 THAT --

8 (APPLAUSE.)

9 MR. PLAFKIN: YOU'RE TAKING AWAY FROM HER

10 TIME, SO PLEASE.

11 MS. BENSON: -- GROUND LEVEL MITIGATIONS DO
12 NOT -- ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE ALMOST 200 FEET
13 THAT THIS LANDFILL RISES ABOVE THE COMMUNITY?

14 THE IMPACTS OF DIRT, OF AIR POLLUTION AND
15 THE WATER THAT RUNS DOWN THE SIDES OF THIS
16 MOUNTAIN -- THERE USED TO BE A 300-FOOT PERIMETER
17 OFFSET.

18 THERE IS NO LONGER THIS SPACE. THE DUMP
19 GOES DIRECTLY -- THE EDGE OF THE HILL GOES RIGHT TO
20 THE PROPERTY LINE IN SOME OF THE AREAS AROUND THE
21 LANDFILL NOW. THERE IS NO SETBACK.

22 THIS IS NOW 209 ACRES THAT IS BEING
23 COMPACTED. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS 43 FEET IS FOR
24 COMPACTED TRASH. THAT MEANS THAT ANOTHER 30 FEET
25 CAN BE ADDED, MAKING AROUND 73 FEET OF ACTUAL PILE

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1 THAT IS GOING TO BE DUMPED UP THERE BEFORE IT
2 SETTLES.

3 I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY
4 MONITORING OR ANY ANALYSIS TO SEE THAT THIS LANDFILL
5 HAS NOT EXCEEDED THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT IN
6 AND DUMPED.

7 I WOULD LIKE THE E.I.R. REPORT TO INCLUDE
8 AN ANALYSIS OF THE TRUCK TRAFFIC AND THE WEIGHTS AND
9 EVERYTHING, BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT
10 ADD UP.

11 IF YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO FILL A HOLE
12 WITH SO MANY MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF TRASH AND IT

13 RESULTS IN A 50-FOOT MOUNTAIN, SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD
14 UP. AND I'D LIKE THIS E.I.R. TO GO BACK TO THE
15 BEGINNING AND ANALYZE THE DISCREPANCY.

16 THANK YOU.

17 MS. ARMOUDIAN: HI. I'M MARIA ARMOUDIAN.
18 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SENATOR RICHARD ALARCON, WHO
19 HAD PLANNED TO BE HERE, BUT COULDN'T.

20 SENATOR ALARCON, AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, HAS
21 BEEN A LONG OPPONENT OF THIS EXPANSION FOR A NUMBER
22 OF REASONS -- FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THAT WILL
23 RESULT, AND ALSO FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS.

24 AND HE JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HE
25 WILL BE SUBMITTING ALL OF HIS CONCERNS IN WRITING BY

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1 THE DUE DATE SO YOU CAN ALL SEE THEM AND IT WILL
2 APPEAR IN THE E.I.R.

3 THANK YOU.

4 MR. PLAFKIN: OKAY. NEXT UP WE HAVE JERRY
5 PIRO, FOLLOWED BY MIKE MOHAJER, FOLLOWED BY ELLEN
6 MACKEY.

7 MR. PIRO: I'M JERRY PIRO, EAST VALLEY
8 COALITION AND VICE PRESIDENT. I'VE BEEN A SUN
9 VALLEY RESIDENT SINCE 1957 AND I'VE SEEN THE AREA
10 DETERIORATE WORSE AND WORSE AND WORSE.

11 I BOUGHT MY HOME HERE BECAUSE I THOUGHT
12 WE HAD THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, WE HAD A GREAT
13 POTENTIAL IN HAVING A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. THE
14 COALITION -- IT HAD LITTLE CHANCE.

15 AND INSTEAD, DUMP AFTER DUMP, JUNKYARD
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16 AFTER JUNKYARD, ENLARGING -- EACH ONE OF THEM
17 GROWING AND EACH ONE OF THEM GETTING WORSE. HORSE
18 FLIES AND SMELL. IT'S THE ACCUMULATION OF IT ALL.
19 IT'S NOT JUST THE FACT THAT WE'VE GOT A
20 13-STORY GARBAGE DUMP IN OUR FACE THAT HIDES THE
21 BEAUTIFUL SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FROM PEOPLE'S VIEW.
22 YOU STAND ON GLENOAKS AND YOU LOOK OUT,
23 YOU CAN SEE THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW. IT'S STILL THERE.
24 BUT YOU GO TURN AROUND AND GO FACE BRADLEY AND YOU
25 SEE THESE BIG, HUGE STEEL SMOKESTACKS GOING UP THERE

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1 AND THESE LITTLE -- LITTLE, HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS THAT
2 ARE WAY UP ON THE TOP, ADDING MORE AND MORE GARBAGE.
3 GO OVER TO SAN FERNANDO ROAD AND YOU SEE
4 OUR BEAUTIFUL SAN FERNANDO HILLS AND THE SAN GABRIEL
5 MOUNTAINS AND ALL YOU SEE IS THE DUMP AND A COUPLE
6 OF TEENY LITTLE PEAKS.
7 AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A 12-STORY
8 PROJECT AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN TEN -- TEN MORE FEET YET
9 AND THEY WANT TO GO TO A TOTAL OF 17 STORIES HIGH
10 AND THAT'S FROM THE LEVEL OF SAN FERNANDO ROAD AND
11 LANKERSHIM. AND IT'S JUST TOO SCARY, TOO UGLY, TOO
12 DISRUPTIVE.
13 THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK. THEY -- YOU
14 CAN, FIRST OF ALL, SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT; WE GOT IT.
15 IT'S NOT JUST CROWDING, THE ACCUMULATION OF IT ALL,
16 BUT THEY ARE THE BIGGEST. THEY ARE MUCH THE
17 BIGGEST.
18 IF WE COULD HAVE THEM GO ON THEIR WAY,

19 THEY'VE GOT NINE OTHER FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY;
20 THEY'VE GOT 60 FACILITIES COMPANYWIDE. THEY CAN
21 MOVE THEIR PEOPLE TO OTHER FACILITIES.

22 WE PAID OUR DEBT. 44 YEARS OF GARBAGE IS
23 JUST TOO MUCH. WE'VE HAD IT.

24 MR. MOHAJER: MY NAME IS MIKE MOHAJER AND
25 MY MAILING ADDRESS IS POST OFFICE BOX 3334,

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1 SAN DIMAS, 91773.

2 I'M NOT HERE REPRESENTING ANY
3 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR ANY PRIVATE SECTOR AT ALL. I
4 JUST REPRESENT MYSELF.

5 I HAVE LISTED A FEW ISSUE THAT I THINK
6 THE E.I.R. NEEDS TO ADDRESS. THE FIRST ONE IS THE
7 NEED FOR THE PROJECT, ESPECIALLY IN REFERENCE TO
8 VERTICAL EXPANSION OF THE LANDFILL, THE NEED IT
9 WOULD HAVE.

10 SECONDLY, YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THE
11 ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE LANDFILL AND FOR THE
12 RESIDUAL WASTE THAT REMAINS AFTER ALL THE RECYCLING
13 AND OTHER DIVERSION ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE.

14 THIRDLY, THE FACT THAT LANDFILL IS
15 LOCATED IN THE FLOODPLAIN -- WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE
16 THIS POTENTIAL HAZARD THAT HAS TO BE MITIGATED.

17 NUMBER FIVE (SIC) WOULD BE THE TRAFFIC
18 AND THE IMPACT OF THE TRAFFIC, TOGETHER WITH THE AIR
19 QUALITY, VISUAL IMPACT, AND ALSO, THE MOST IMPORTANT
20 ONE, THAT IT SHOULD BE ALSO APPLICABLE TO THE
21 CURRENT OPERATION IS THE SUBSURFACE GAS MIGRATION TO

22 ADJACENT PROPERTIES.

23 AND MY PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT NO
24 SUBSTANTIAL GAS MIGRATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED. AND
25 THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE

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1 ARE RESIDENTIAL -- WITHIN 150 FEET AT THE PROPERTY,
2 AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN
3 1,000 FEET.

4 THE OTHER AVENUE IS THAT I WANT TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT COMPLIES WITH THE
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CYCLING ELEMENT -- RECYCLING
7 CRITERIA THAT ARE ALREADY SPECIFIED IN THAT
8 DOCUMENT.

9 FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT THE E.I.R.
10 PROVIDES MITIGATION MEASURES TO HOW TO ENHANCE THE
11 COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT.

12 THANK YOU.

13 MS. MACKEY: GOOD EVENING. ELLEN MACKEY,
14 EAST VALLEY COALITION. MY ADDRESS IS 8300 VALECREST
15 DRIVE, SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

16 THERE'S A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING
17 TO BE COVERING MOST OF THE OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL
18 FACTORS IN E.I.R., SO I AM GOING TO STICK TO THE
19 MORE TECHNICAL ONES.

20 MARY BENSON'S ALREADY ALLUDED TO THE
21 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS, THE PAST CUMULATIVE IMPACTS,
22 WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIAL. I AGREE WITH HER REQUEST TO
23 GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND, FURTHER, TO
24 THE UNFILLED PORTION OF THE LANDFILL.

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IN YOUR CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS, YOU

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1 MIGHT LOOK AT THE PRESENT CUMULATIVE IMPACT WITHIN
2 THE SUN VALLEY AREA, IN AN AREA WITH A HIGH DENSITY
3 CONCENTRATION OF WASTE FACILITIES, AND ALSO LOOK
4 FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE FOR CUMULATIVE IMPACTS THAT
5 CAN BE PRESUMED IN THIS AREA.

6 ALSO, WE'RE INTERESTED IN LOOKING VERY
7 CAREFULLY AT THE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS, INCLUDING
8 THE NO-PROJECT ALTERNATIVE. WITH A 43-FOOT
9 EXPANSION, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE AT LEAST 43
10 ALTERNATIVES.

11 WE'RE ALSO GOING TO LOOK REALLY CAREFULLY
12 AT YOUR THRESHOLD. EACH ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR, WE'RE
13 GOING TO BE LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE THRESHOLD
14 THAT'S BEEN SET AND WHY -- WHERE IT CAME FROM.

15 I'M AWARE THAT AGENCIES CAN SET THEIR OWN
16 THRESHOLDS, BUT WE'RE GOING TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY
17 AT THE DOCUMENTATION TO BACK UP THOSE THRESHOLDS.

18 OTHER PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY TOUCHED ON
19 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES. I THINK THAT'S AN
20 ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE VERY PROMINENT, LOOKING VERY
21 CLOSELY AT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES. YOU CAN'T
22 JUST HAVE IT WHERE IT'S 75 PERCENT LATINO.

23 AND ONE OTHER ISSUE THAT WAS TOUCHED ON
24 THAT I WANT TO TOUCH ON A LITTLE MORE IS THE SETBACK
25 ISSUE. WE ARE REQUESTING EQUITY WITH OTHER

1 LANDFILLS WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
2 SUNSET CANYON HAS A 500-FOOT SETBACK.
3 PUENTE HILLS HAS A THOUSAND-FOOT SETBACK. WE HAVE A
4 50-FOOT SETBACK FROM THE PROPERTY LINE.

5 WE'RE LOOKING AT EQUITY ISSUES AND WE'RE
6 WONDERING HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT. AND
7 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

8 THANK YOU.

9 MR. PLAFKIN: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, THOMAS
10 DESPRES, ELECTRA KRUGER AND -- MARIA SOOY? GOT THAT
11 RIGHT?

12 MR. DESPRES: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS TOM
13 DESPRES. I LIVE AT 10340 VALLEY GLOW DRIVE IN
14 SHADOW HILLS. I OVERLOOK THE LANDFILL.

15 ASIDE FROM ME, I'D LIKE TO KEEP MY
16 COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF IT, ALTHOUGH
17 I BELIEVE THAT UNEMPLOYMENT IS NOT REALLY WHAT WE'RE
18 HERE TO ADDRESS.

19 IF THERE'S VERTICAL -- THERE'S GOING TO
20 BE VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE LANDFILL, YOU CAN'T
21 SEE IT. YOU CAN TAKE A TOUR OF THE DUMP IF YOU
22 WANT, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE TOXINS; YOU CAN'T SEE
23 BACTERIA.

24 AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW ENVIRONMENTALLY IF
25 SOIL SAMPLES COULD BE TAKEN FROM SURROUNDING

1 NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE RELATIVE CHEMICAL IMPACT OF

2 THAT SOIL BE COMPARED TO THE TYPES OF CHEMICALS NOT
3 ONLY USED AT BRADLEY LANDFILL, BUT PERHAPS ALL THE
4 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

5 ON MY PROPERTY EVERY SUMMER, I ENJOY
6 BEING ABLE TO GROW APRICOTS, PEACHES, NECTARINES,
7 GRAPES, OLIVES. AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE
8 OVER TO EAT THEM, BUT FRANKLY, I'M CONCERNED WHEN I
9 EAT THEM.

10 I LOVE PEACHES. WE ALL DO. BUT I'M
11 AFRAID, REALLY, OF THE PARTICLES IN THE AIR AND THE
12 IMPACT THAT THIS ENVIRONMENT HAS SUFFERED DUE TO
13 THESE BUSINESSES.

14 THAT'S IT.

15 MS. KRUGER: MY NAME IS ELECTRA KRUGER. I
16 LIVE AT 10544 MAHONEY DRIVE IN SHADOW HILLS. I'M
17 PRESENTLY SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SHADOW
18 HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, SO OBVIOUSLY THE
19 RESIDENTS OF SHADOW HILLS DO COME TO ME WITH A LOT
20 OF THEIR CONCERNS.

21 THE RESIDENTS OF WESTERN SHADOW HILLS --
22 ONE OF THEIR MOST POPULAR CONCERNS IS THE ODOR
23 IMPACTS THEY HAVE FROM THE LANDFILLS.

24 THE APPROACH THAT'S BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE
25 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING MATERIALS TO QUANTIFY

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1 SOME OF THE ODORS IS TO TAKE AN AVERAGE ODOR
2 EMISSION RATE AND USE IT AS A DISPERSION MODEL TO
3 DETERMINE HOW DILUTE THE EMERGENTS WILL BECOME UNDER
4 SPECIFIED METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AT A SPECIFIED

5 DISTANCE FROM THE SOURCE.

6 SO LET'S LOOK AT LIKE ATMOSPHERIC
7 TURBULENCE. WHEN BRADLEY LANDFILL STARTED, IT WAS A
8 HOLE. ATMOSPHERIC TURBULENCE WAS NOT A BIG FACTOR.
9 YOU WERE FILLING A HOLE. THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE A
10 LOT OF TURBULENCE DOWN THERE TO PICK THINGS UP.

11 GRANTED, IN THE IMMEDIATE PERIMETER OF
12 THE LANDFILL, THERE WERE ODORS, BUT THEY WERE AROUND
13 THE LANDFILL.

14 NOW WE ARE BEING ASKED TO ACCEPT A
15 150-SOME-FOOT -- FEET OF REFUSE ABOVE STREET LEVEL.
16 YOU HAVE ESSENTIALLY GOT A MOUNTAIN OF REFUSE. YOU
17 HAVE NOW GOT ATMOSPHERIC TURBULENCE THAT IS GOING TO
18 GO AROUND THAT MOUNTAIN.

19 IT'S GOING TO PICK UP THE ODORS EMITTED
20 FROM THAT MOUNTAIN OF REFUSE AND CARRY IT TO THE
21 RESIDENTS AROUND THE LANDFILL.

22 FROM SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM
23 WASTE MANAGEMENT, I'VE GOTTEN ARGUMENT THAT THEY
24 WERE NOT THE ONLY ONES HERE. "WE HAVE GOT AMERICAN
25 WASTE; WE'VE GOT CROWN DISPOSAL. WHEN WE GO DOWN

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1 THERE AND WE INVESTIGATE SOME OF THESE ODOR THINGS,
2 THEY ARE AS MUCH OR MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE THAN
3 WE."

4 AND THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS
5 WASTE MANAGEMENT THAT IS ASKING FOR THE EXPANSION
6 PERMITS. AND THAT'S WHY IT MIGHT APPEAR TO YOU AS
7 IF WE ARE ATTACKING YOU ALONE. AND THAT IS NOT

8 TRUE. IT IS JUST THAT YOU NOW ARE THE ONES ASKING
9 FOR THE EXPANSION PERMITS.

10 ONCE AMERICAN WASTE DOES IT, ONCE CROWN
11 DISPOSAL DOES IT, WE ARE GOING TO GO AFTER THEM JUST
12 THE SAME WAY.

13 IN ADDITION, WE HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH THE
14 POTENTIAL VISUAL BLIGHT. THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT
15 THEIR HOMES IN WESTERN SHADOW HILLS DID SO FOR THE
16 VIEW THAT THEY HAD OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

17 THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE THAT WITH THIS
18 MOUNTAIN OF REFUSE. THAT IS NOT WHAT THEY BOUGHT
19 THEIR HOMES FOR.

20 THANK YOU.

21 MS. SOOY: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY
23 IMMENSE CONCERN --

24 MR. PLAFKIN: EXCUSE ME. COULD YOU STATE
25 YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, PLEASE.

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1 MS. SOOY: I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS MARIA
2 SOOY. I'VE BEEN RESIDENT OF SUN VALLEY FOR 13
3 YEARS. I'VE WORKED IN THE AREA FOR FIVE YEARS. I
4 AM THE SECOND GENERATION OF MY FAMILY TO BE BORN IN
5 LOS ANGELES.

6 I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY IMMENSE
7 DISSATISFACTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE PERMITTING
8 PRACTICES OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

9 YOU AND YOUR DECISIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED
10 TO A VERY UNFORTUNATE SITUATION IN THE EAST VALLEY

11 THAT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE VERY POOR RESPIRATORY
12 HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND ELDERLY.

13 I ADVOCATE THAT YOU NOT PERMIT A TRANSFER
14 STATION AND A MATERIAL RECYCLING FACILITY, OF WHICH
15 WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER 100,000 SQUARE FEET. WE HAVE
16 HAD JUST ENOUGH IN SUN VALLEY.

17 CHILDREN HAVE NO MONEY. THEY DO NOT
18 VOTE. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PERMIT A FACILITY OF THIS
19 TYPE, YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY STEALING THEIR FUTURE.
20 THESE ARE THE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE PUSHING OUR
21 WHEELCHAIRS. THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO IF THEY ARE
22 IMPAIRED.

23 THANK YOU.

24 MR. PLAFKIN: NEXT SPEAKER, JULIA MC BEATH,
25 FOLLOWED BY CLARA SANTISO, FOLLOWED BY ARTHUR SWEIT.

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1 MS. MC BEATH: MY NAME'S JULIA MC BEATH. I
2 LIVE AT 7936 VANTAGE AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD. AND
3 I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND FIND PEOPLE CONCERNED
4 WITH THIS SITUATION.

5 I CAN'T BELIEVE -- I LIVE TWO-AND-A-HALF
6 MILES FROM HERE OR FROM THE BRADLEY DUMP. THE DUST
7 AND THE SMELL, IT'S -- YOU KNOW, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.
8 I MEAN, THAT WE HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS.

9 AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS, THIS PART OF
10 LOS ANGELES IS THE CENTER. IF YOU COULD LOOK AT A
11 MAP GEOGRAPHICALLY -- I LOVE IT.

12 30 MINUTES -- I'M 30 MINUTES FROM MALIBU,
13 30 MINUTES FROM WOODLAND HILLS, 30 MINUTES FROM

14 PASADENA, 30 MINUTES FROM VALENCIA. IF YOU LOOK AT
15 IT, IT'S WONDERFUL. WE COULD MAKE THE MOST
16 BEAUTIFUL CITY HERE.

17 I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT IT. THE MONEY THAT
18 WASTE MANAGEMENT IS PAYING IN TAXES IS CHICKEN FEED
19 AND YOU'RE GETTING AWAY WITH A LOT.

20 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

21 MR. PLAFKIN: CLARA SANTISO.

22 MS. SANTISO: HI. MY NAME IS CLARA SANTISO
23 AND I LIVE AT 10847 TUXFORD STREET. I'VE BEEN A
24 RESIDENT OF SUN VALLEY FOR APPROXIMATELY 11 YEARS.

25 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ARE ALL

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1 THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ON OUR HEALTH OF ALL OF SUN
2 VALLEY. WHAT ARE THE MITIGATIONS, YOU KNOW, IN THIS
3 PLAN FOR THE HEALTH?

4 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ASTHMA IS NOT AT A 40
5 OR 50 PERCENT? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT'S AT 80 AND 90
6 PERCENT? IS THAT TELLING US SOMETHING? WHAT ARE
7 THE MITIGATING FACTORS FOR THAT?

8 SO I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE FACT
9 THAT I -- AT THE MEETINGS I'VE BEEN ATTENDING, I
10 REALIZE THAT THEY SAY THAT THERE'S GASES ESCAPING
11 MORE THAN WHAT WE'RE -- THAT ARE ALLOWED BY LAW.
12 WHAT ARE THE MITIGATING FACTORS THERE?

13 WHAT HAPPENED IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO
14 SEVEN YEARS AGO? IT BLEW UP A WHOLE CITY,
15 PRACTICALLY. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED,
16 KILLED JUST FROM GASES ALONE THAT WERE EMITTING FROM

17 THE -- FROM THE -- FROM THE LANDFILL THAT THEY --
18 UNFORTUNATELY, THEY BUILT ON.

19 WE'RE NOT BUILDING ON IT, NO, BUT IT'S
20 ONLY A 50-FOOT BARRIER. I MEAN, WHAT KIND OF A
21 SAFETY FEATURE IS THAT? THE GAS COMPANY IS JUST
22 RIGHT OVER THE -- THE STREET THERE.

23 I MEAN, EVERYTHING IS SO COMBUSTIBLE IN
24 THAT AREA. WHAT ARE THE MITIGATING FACTORS THERE?
25 SO I'D ALSO LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT

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1 THAT PEOPLE ARE VERY IRRESPONSIBLE SOMETIMES IN
2 WHERE THEY PUT THEIR RECYCLABLES. WHAT IF ONE DAY,
3 YOU KNOW, YOU GUYS GET SOME KIND OF A PSYCHO WHO IS
4 BUILDING A HOME BOMB? "YOU KNOW, I'LL JUST THROW IT
5 IN HERE."

6 AND THEN WE HAVE OTHER FACTORS PILING ON
7 TOP OF THAT THAT WILL MAKE IT EVEN MORE OF A TRAGEDY
8 FOR OUR CITY. WHAT ARE THE MITIGATING FACTORS
9 THERE?

10 I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF BOZOS IN THIS
11 CITY AND ALL OF OUR COUNTRY, UNFORTUNATELY, BUT
12 THAT'S WHY WE DON'T WANT THIS HERE.

13 ALSO -- SO BASICALLY, THAT'S WHAT I WANT
14 TO TALK ABOUT: WHAT ARE THE MITIGATING FACTORS FOR
15 THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE HERE IN SUN VALLEY, BECAUSE
16 EVENTUALLY, THIS IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY. IT'S
17 GOING TO LINGER AND LINGER AND LINGER.

18 HEALTH ISSUES ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE A
19 PROBLEM. I LIVE A MILE AWAY FROM THIS PLACE AND I

20 GET SEVERE HEADACHES AND I'M A VERY -- I CONSIDER
21 MYSELF TO BE A VERY HEALTHY YOUNG WOMAN.

22 BUT YOU KNOW, AS YOU GET OLDER, THINGS
23 START AFFECTING YOU AND THESE ODORS AFFECT YOU,
24 BECAUSE YOU DON'T EVEN JUST SMELL THEM DURING THE
25 WEEK; YOU SMELL THEM ON THE WEEKENDS, ON THE DAY

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1 WHEN YOU THINK YOU COULD HAVE A BREAK.

2 PLEASE RECONSIDER HAVING THIS BUILT IN
3 OUR CITY. WE DON'T WANT IT HERE.

4 MR. PLAFKIN: ARTHUR SWEIT.

5 MR. SWEIT: YES. MY NAME IS ARTHUR SWEIT,
6 PRESIDENT OF A & E DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. I'VE BEEN
7 IN SUN VALLEY SINCE 1958.

8 I'VE OWNED REAL PROPERTY -- WHEN WE CAME
9 OUT TO SUN VALLEY TO BUILD SOME FACILITIES SO THAT
10 WE COULD HAVE WORKERS IN SUN VALLEY, AND WE HAVE
11 BUILT -- ABOUT 250,000 SQUARE FEET CURRENTLY IS
12 BEING OPERATED.

13 I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT IT'S
14 VITAL THAT WE DO HAVE SUCH FACILITIES TO COLLECT AND
15 TRANSFER TRASH. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, SINCE
16 I'VE BEEN IN THE AREA, HAS BEEN HANDLED BY WASTE
17 MANAGEMENT AND THE OTHER PEOPLE BEAUTIFULLY.

18 AND I'VE LOOKED AT THEIR PLANS; I'VE BEEN
19 OVER TO THE MOUNTAIN THAT EVERYBODY'S BEEN TALKING
20 TO AND I'VE SEEN WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING TO DO TO
21 IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT BY TAKING AND PLANNING IT.

22 WE'LL HAVE A GREEN MOUNTAIN THERE AND

23 WE'LL HAVE A PLACE WHERE THE TRASH CAN BE COLLECTED
24 AND TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE AREA.
25 THE LAST MATTER THAT I WANTED TO BRING UP

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1 HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT THE COST OF TRASH
2 COLLECTION AND EVERYTHING, UNLESS THIS IS GRANTED TO
3 THIS AND THE SUNSHINE -- SUNSHINE BID AREA WILL
4 ESCALATE RAPIDLY AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ME, AS
5 A LANDLORD, TO GET TENANTS THAT WILL WANT TO COME IN
6 TO OPERATE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES THAT WE
7 CURRENTLY OWN.

8 SO I REQUEST THAT THIS BE GIVEN CAREFUL
9 CONSIDERATION. ANY MITIGATION CIRCUMSTANCE THAT CAN
10 BE DEVELOPED SHOULD BE DONE BY WASTE MANAGEMENT AND
11 I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL DO IT.

12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13 MR. PLAFKIN: MIGUEL SANTIAGO.

14 MR. SANTIAGO: THANK YOU. I AM HERE ON
15 BEHALF OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CINDY MONTANEZ, WHO WAS
16 UNABLE TO BE HERE BUT HAD PLANNED TO BE HERE, SO WE
17 DO APOLOGIZE ABOUT THAT.

18 AND MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN
19 WORKING VERY HARD WITH US IN MAKING SURE THAT THE
20 TEN-FOOT LIMIT DIDN'T GO UP AND IT HASN'T.

21 BUT WHAT MY MESSAGE TO YOU IS FROM THE
22 ASSEMBLY MEMBER IS THAT WE ALL NEED TO WORK
23 TOGETHER; WE MAY NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE
24 WANTED WITH THE 10-FOOT EXPANSION, BUT WE ARE NOT
25 GOING TO LET THE 43-FOOT EXPANSION CONTINUE.

1 BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE'RE
2 EACH WORKING INDIVIDUALLY. THE E.V.C. HAS BEEN
3 WORKING VERY HARD FOR ANGELES -- AND I'M SORRY. THE
4 LIST GOES ON SO I WON'T CONTINUE WITH THE LIST.

5 BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A COLLABORATIVE
6 EFFORT WHERE WE'RE ALL GOING TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER.
7 IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO
8 HAVE BEEN AGITATING AGAINST IT TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER.
9 OUR OFFICE IS WILLING TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND
10 WORK WITH THE OTHER OFFICES, AS THEY HAVE BEEN
11 WANTING TO.

12 AND MOST ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
13 OPPOSING THIS FOR A WHILE AND THAT MAY BE TRUE AND I
14 THINK WE'RE GOING TO ALL TRY TO WORK TOGETHER. AND
15 THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN OPPOSING IT FOR A WHILE AND
16 THAT'S TRUE.

17 BUT I THINK IT'S TIME THE COMMUNITY WORK
18 TOGETHER. AND ONLY TOGETHER ARE WE GOING TO PREVENT
19 THE 43-FOOT EXPANSION FROM BEGINNING.

20 BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE'RE NOT
21 HAVING CONVERSATION, IF WE'RE NOT TALKING ON A DAILY
22 BASIS, IF WE'RE NOT HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS AND IF
23 ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE
24 OPPOSING THE 43-FOOT EXPANSION AREN'T COMING
25 TOGETHER, AND TOGETHER WITH ALL THE ELECTED

1 OFFICIALS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

2 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE
3 ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE HERE,
4 COMMUNITY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES
5 AND INDIVIDUALS.

6 BUT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE FURTHER
7 CONVERSATION. AFTER THIS MEETING, I'M SURE THAT THE
8 REST OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL
9 AS MYSELF ARE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO YOU,
10 WILLING TO HAND OUT BUSINESS CARDS AND SET UP SOME
11 FOLLOW-UP AND WORK WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THIS ROOM
12 SO THE 43-FOOT EXPANSION DOES NOT GO THROUGH.

13 THANK YOU.

14 MR. PLAFKIN: THE NEXT SPEAKER, DAVID
15 HERNANDEZ, FOLLOWED BY RON HALL, FOLLOWED BY CYNTHIA
16 SOLANO.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS
18 DAVID HERNANDEZ, 5312 BELLINGHAM AVENUE, VALLEY
19 VILLAGE, 91607.

20 AND I WANT TO TALK TONIGHT -- I AM THE
21 NORTHEAST VALLEY QUADRANT LEADER FOR THE VALLEY
22 GROUP AND THE [UNINTELLIGIBLE] SUN VALLEY
23 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.

24 AND YOU KNOW, WASTE MANAGEMENT PROVIDES A
25 VERY VALUABLE AND VITAL SERVICE TO NOT ONLY

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1 SUN VALLEY, BUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS
2 TRUE THAT THEY PROVIDE GOOD JOBS TO A NUMBER OF
3 PEOPLE. AND THEY HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE VERY

4 PERSONABLE AND THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE AND THEY ARE
5 FRIENDS OF MINE, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.
6 THIS ISN'T ABOUT FRIENDSHIP, THIS ISN'T
7 ABOUT JOBS AND IT ISN'T ABOUT SERVICE. THIS IS
8 ABOUT 4.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF ADDITIONAL TRASH
9 COMING TO SUN VALLEY AT ABOUT 40 DOLLARS PER CUBIC
10 YARD.

11 THIS IS ABOUT MONEY. THAT'S ALL THIS IS
12 ABOUT. AND THAT'S NOT A BAD THING, EXCEPT IT'S AT
13 THE EXPENSE OF THE HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN OF THIS
14 SCHOOL HERE AS WELL AS OTHER SCHOOLS.

15 IT IS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY
16 VALUE OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE INVESTED IN THIS
17 COMMUNITY.

18 IT IS -- THE EXPENSE FOR THAT 4.7 MILLION
19 CUBIC YARDS IS BEING PAID NOT ONLY IN FINANCES, BUT
20 IT'S BEING PAID IN THE HEALTH OF OUR FUTURE. THAT
21 IS TOO HIGH A PRICE.

22 SO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THAT --
23 THERE ALREADY EXISTS A SITUATION WITH REGARDS TO
24 HEALTH, WITH REGARDS TO ODORS, WITH REGARDS TO
25 UNPLEASANTNESS THAT IS ALREADY EXISTING AT THIS

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1 , MOMENT.

2 YET THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY ACCOUNTABILITY
3 OR THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY EVIDENCE THAT WASTE
4 MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN WILLING TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE
5 TO ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDITION THAT
6 EXISTS NOW.

7 SO TO ADD ANOTHER ALMOST 5 MILLION CUBIC
8 YARDS OF TRASH ON TOP OF THE ALREADY EXISTING
9 CONDITION IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE CANNOT REWARD THAT
10 TYPE OF BEHAVIOR WITH A TRANSFER STATION.

11 WE CANNOT REWARD THAT KIND OF CONDUCT
12 WITH AN ADDITIONAL EXTENSION ON THE AMOUNT OF TRASH
13 THAT IS BEING DUMPED THERE.

14 THE PRICE THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS TO PAY
15 FAR EXCEEDS THE LOSS OF 200 JOBS, FAR EXCEEDS THE
16 INCONVENIENCE OF MOVING THIS SERVICE SOMEWHERE ELSE
17 AND FAR EXCEEDS JEOPARDIZING FRIENDSHIPS WITH
18 NEIGHBORS OR COWORKERS.

19 AND FOR THAT REASON, I WANTED TO COME
20 HERE TONIGHT AND EXPRESS NOT MY CONCERN. IT GOES
21 BEYOND CONCERN. IT IS THAT MY POSITION THAT THIS
22 COMMUNITY IS MADE UP OF A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS
23 FROM SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS, FROM ETHNIC
24 BACKGROUNDS OPPOSE THIS PROJECT.

25 THANK YOU.

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1 MR. PLAFKIN: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M
2 GOING TO SAY THAT WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT MANY OF
3 YOU HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OPPOSED, OR SOME OF
4 YOU IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT, AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF
5 THE MEETING IS TO FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

6 LOBBYING ME WILL NOT DO MUCH GOOD SINCE I
7 HAVE NO SAY IN ANY DECISIONS. SO WHEREAS IT'S NICE
8 TO BE ABLE TO SAY THOSE THINGS, IT'S NOT FULFILLING
9 THE PURPOSE OF WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, PLEASE.

10 MR. HALL.

11 MR. HALL: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RON
12 HALL. I LIVE HERE IN SUN VALLEY FOR WELL OVER 30
13 YEARS AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU THAT ARE SITTING HERE
14 IN THE AUDIENCE.

15 AND I'VE GOT TO SAY THAT BRADLEY HAS DONE
16 A LOT OF WORK ON THEIR LANDFILL AND I KNOW THAT
17 THEY'VE PUT A LOT OF MONEY INTO IT AND THEY DESERVE
18 CREDIT FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE.

19 I ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THERE IS
20 AN ECONOMIC FACTOR HERE AND THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE
21 GOING TO BE HURT IF THAT DUMP CLOSES. BELIEVE ME, I
22 FEEL FOR YOU.

23 BUT TONIGHT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, MAINLY,
24 THERE'S ONE FACT THAT'S UNDENIABLE. EACH AND EVERY
25 LANDFILL, UNFORTUNATELY, EXUDES EMISSIONS. AND THE

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1 LARGER THAT LANDFILL IS, THE MORE EMISSIONS IT
2 EXUDES.

3 THE CHILDREN IN THE RICHARD BYRD SCHOOL
4 AND FERNANGELES SCHOOL ARE BEING AFFECTED SERIOUSLY
5 BY THIS WITH ABOUT A 50 PERCENT RAISE IN ASTHMA.
6 AND THIS IS A FIVE-DAY CONSTANT ATTACK ON THOSE
7 CHILDREN. EVERY DAY THEY'RE FORCED TO GO TO SCHOOL
8 AND THEY'RE FORCED TO LIVE IN THIS KIND OF
9 CONDITION. AND THAT'S A VERY SAD CONDITION.

10 ALL OF LOS ANGELES RAISED HELL WHEN THE
11 BELMONT PROJECT PROVED TO EXUDE TOXIC FUMES. AND
12 YET OUR CITIZENS AND OUR CHILDREN HERE IN SUN VALLEY

13 ARE SUBJECTED TO EVEN MORE POTENT OF TOXIC
14 POLLUTANTS.

15 OUR CHILDREN ARE MAINLY DIVERSE FOREIGN
16 IMMIGRANTS FROM MANY NATIONS. AND WHY ARE OUR
17 CHILDREN NOT REGARDED IN DANGER LIKE THE REST?

18 THOSE CHILDREN IN BEVERLY HILLS HAVE BEEN
19 ALLOWED TO FLEE THE MOLD IN THEIR SCHOOL. ARE
20 CHILDREN HERE ANY LESS SENSITIVE? PLEASE THINK OF
21 THE CHILDREN.

22 WASTE MANAGEMENT HAS MADE THEIR PROFITS
23 AND THEN SOME HERE, FOR THEY'VE OPERATED THIS SITE
24 SINCE 1959. NOTICE THAT THEY KNEW THAT ONE DAY THEY
25 WOULD HAVE TO SURRENDER THE SITE, BUT THEY'RE

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1 MILKING EVERY LAST FOOT OF IT OUT. AND IT SOUNDS
2 LIKE CORPORATE GREED TO ME.

3 NOW THERE'S ONLY HALF STAFF. THEY'RE
4 KEEPING A LOW PROFILE RIGHT NOW, TRYING TO PANIC
5 SOME OF THE BUSINESS PEOPLE LIKE THEY'VE BEEN DOING
6 INTO THINKING THEY'RE ABOUT TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS.

7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WISH YOU TO
8 EXAMINE THOSE LETTERS THAT WERE SENT TO YOUR HOMES
9 AT THE EXPENSE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THEIR FRIENDS
10 OF 10,000 DOLLARS FOR THEIR OUTREACH. AND I THANK
11 THEM FOR THAT. I'M GLAD TO HAVE ALL OF YOU HERE
12 TONIGHT.

13 HOWEVER, IT'S NOT UNTIL THE PEOPLE AND
14 THEIR GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE TOTALLY FED
15 UP AND AGAINST THEM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO STOP

16 RAISING THIS DUMP INTO THE SHAPE OF A PYRAMID.
17 I WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING. I AM
18 AGAINST IT AND I WILL BE AGAINST IT UNTIL THEY CAN
19 DO BETTER THINGS.
20 IF GOD WANTED A MOUNTAIN RIGHT WHERE THAT
21 BRADLEY LANDFILL SETS, HE WOULD PUT ONE THERE.
22 THANKS.
23 MR. PLAFKIN: CYNTHIA SOLANO.
24 MS. SOLANO: HI. I'M CYNTHIA SOLANO. I
25 LIVE IN 9001 HADDON AVENUE. AND ME AND MY FAMILY

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1 HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR TEN YEARS.
2 AND EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, I'VE BEEN
3 GETTING SICK. I'VE BEEN GETTING ALLERGIES. AND NOT
4 JUST ME. THIS IS ALSO MY NEPHEW WHO'S GOING TO BE
5 4, AND HE HAS ALLERGIES TOO.
6 AND WE JUST WANT FOR NOT JUST US, BUT FOR
7 EVERYBODY HERE TO STOP THIS LANDFILL BECAUSE WE'RE
8 GETTING SICK AND NOT -- LITTLE KIDS WHO ARE HERE IN
9 SCHOOL ARE ALSO GETTING SICK FOR THE SAME REASON WHY
10 I'M GETTING SICK.
11 I HAVE ASTHMA AND EVER SINCE THE
12 POLLUTION'S BEEN STARTING, I'VE BEEN GETTING SICK
13 AND I'VE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL. MY MOM JUST TOOK ME
14 TWO WEEKS AGO AND WE JUST WANT TO -- FOR THEM TO
15 STOP THE LANDFILL SO WE DON'T GET SICK ANYMORE.
16 THANK YOU.
17 MR. PLAFKIN: OKAY. WE HAVE TWO MORE
18 SPEAKER CARDS RIGHT NOW AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE

19 A SMALL, LITTLE BREAK SO WE CAN GET SOME MORE.
20 BUTCH JOHNSON AND THEN ROSE ANDRADE.
21 MR. JOHNSON: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BUTCH
22 JOHNSON. I LIVE IN 11003 ALLEGHENY, SUN VALLEY.
23 I GRADUATED FROM THIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
24 IN 1955. I RECENTLY BOUGHT A HOUSE IN SUN VALLEY
25 RIGHT UP HERE ON THE SIDE OF THE HILL, PART OF THE

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1 SHADOW HILLS -- SUN VALLEY ADDRESS.
2 AND ONE OF THE THINGS I DID WHEN I BOUGHT
3 THAT HOUSE IS I PAID A LOT OF EXTRA MONEY BECAUSE I
4 HAD A VIEW.
5 YOU TALK ABOUT ESTHETICS. YOU CAN TALK
6 ABOUT YOUR LANDFILL AND ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL
7 CONCERNS, BUT I THINK NUMBER ONE ON YOUR LIST THAT
8 YOU SENT OUT WAS ESTHETICS.
9 RIGHT NOW, I PAID MORE MONEY FOR THAT
10 HOUSE. IF YOU LOOK AT AN APPRAISER'S APPRAISAL
11 SHEET, THEY HAVE CHECK-OFF BOXES AND ONE OF THEM IS
12 FOR VIEW.
13 I -- RIGHT NOW FROM MY HOUSE, I CAN SEE
14 ALL THE BUILDINGS ON VENTURA BOULEVARD ON A CLEAR
15 DAY. AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF THEM. I GIVE THE
16 A.Q.M.D. CREDIT FOR THAT.
17 BUT I CAN SEE ALL OF THOSE BUILDINGS.
18 AND IF YOU RAISE THAT TEN FEET, YOU'RE GOING TO CUT
19 OFF THOSE BUILDINGS. IF YOU GO 43 FEET, YOU'RE
20 GOING TO CUT OFF THE MOUNTAINS ACROSS THE VALLEY FOR
21 ME.

22 SO YOU TALK ABOUT PROPERTY VALUES, YOU
23 TALK ABOUT ESTHETICS, YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE
24 DOING TO ME BY INCREASING THE HEIGHT ON THIS, IT'S
25 JUST SOMETHING -- IT'S JUST INTOLERABLE AND I THINK

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1 IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.

2 WHEN I BOUGHT THE HOUSE, I HAD PAPERS
3 THIS THICK WHEN YOU BUY A HOUSE. THEY TOLD ME ABOUT
4 AIRPLANES, THEY TOLD ME ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODS
5 AND EVERYTHING, BUT NOT ONE WORD IN THERE THAT
6 THEY'RE GOING TO CUT MY VIEW OFF BY SOMEBODY HERE
7 DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

8 I HAVE A COUPLE OF PICTURES I'D LIKE TO
9 SHOW YOU ON THE WAY OUT, IF I MAY.

10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11 MS. ANDRADE: OKAY. MY NAME IS ROSE
12 ANDRADE. I LIVE IN SUN VALLEY, 10427 CANTARA
13 STREET.

14 I MOVE TO SUN VALLEY SINCE 15 YEARS AGO
15 AND I BOUGHT A HOUSE IN TARZANA AND LIVE IN TARZANA
16 FOR FIVE YEARS. I MOVE BACK OVER HERE IN SUN VALLEY
17 TWO YEARS AGO.

18 I HAVE A GRANDDAUGHTER, 4 YEARS OLD, AND
19 SHE HAS ASTHMA. MY OTHER TWO DAUGHTERS, THEY HAVE
20 ASTHMA; THEY HAVE ALLERGIES.

21 I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A LOT OF
22 POLLUTION OVER HERE IN SUN VALLEY AND THIS PUTS -- A
23 YEAR AGO THEY WERE GOING TO BUILD A HOSPITAL RIGHT
24 HERE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF KIDS WITH ASTHMA AND A

25 LOT OF DIFFERENT KIND OF PROBLEMS.

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1 I ASK THE COMPASSION OF BRADLEY TO
2 CONSIDER -- TO HAVE A CONSIDERATION TO ALL THE
3 HISPANIC PEOPLE OVER HERE. I HEAR THAT 75 PERCENT
4 OF PEOPLE -- 75 PERCENT OF HISPANIC PEOPLE IN
5 SUN VALLEY.

6 AND I WAS ASKING ONE OF MY COWORKERS IF
7 SHE RECEIVED THIS LETTER FOR THIS MEETING AND SHE
8 TOLD ME NO, AND I GIVE A COPY TO HER. AND I DON'T
9 KNOW IF THEY MAIL TO EVERYBODY OR ONLY A FEW PEOPLE.

10 THANK YOU.

11 MR. PLAFKIN: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE
12 BREAK NOW, GIVE OUR COURT REPORTER A CHANCE TO REST
13 HER FINGERS AND SEE IF WE CAN GET SOME MORE SPEAKER
14 CARDS AS WELL.

15 SO TAKE ABOUT A FIVE- OR TEN-MINUTE BREAK
16 AND 7:30 ON THIS CLOCK UP FRONT HERE.

17 (WHEREUPON, A RECESS WAS HELD
18 FROM 7:22 P.M. TO 7:37 P.M.)

19 MR. PLAFKIN: OKAY. AT THIS POINT WE ONLY
20 HAVE THREE MORE SPEAKER CARDS, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE
21 ONE OR TWO ARE BEING FILLED OUT.

22 THE FIRST SPEAKER, TED MC DONALD, TO BE
23 FOLLOWED BY SHERRY MC EVEETY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY
24 ROBERT KLUGE.

25 MR. MC DONALD: HELLO. MY NAME IS TED

1 MC DONALD. I LIVE ON 11001 PEORIA STREET IN
2 SUN VALLEY.

3 MR. PLAFKIN: PLEASE, HAVE PEOPLE BE QUIET.
4 LET THE MAN SPEAK SO WE CAN ACTUALLY HEAR HIM.

5 MR. MC DONALD: I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE
6 BACK-AND-FORTH DEBATES ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE OF THE
7 BRADLEY LANDFILL WAS GOING TO BE. FOR A COUPLE OF
8 YEARS AGO NOW, I'VE BEEN SORT OF AWARE OF IT.

9 AND ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I BECAME VERY AWARE
10 OF IT. I CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE LANDFILL FROM MY
11 HOUSE. I AM THE LAST HOUSE ON PEORIA STREET THAT IS
12 NEXT TO, ESSENTIALLY, THE LANDFILL.

13 I ATTENDED THE -- FOR THE FIRST TIME, I
14 BECAME AWARE OF THE DESIRE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT TO
15 ADD A TRANSFER STATION AND INCREASE ITS LEVEL OF THE
16 MOUNTAIN THERE.

17 I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT UNTIL
18 DECEMBER LAST YEAR, WHEN I ATTENDED A MEETING THAT
19 WAS GOING TO BE A SCOPING MEETING. AND I HAD ONLY
20 LEARNED ABOUT IT THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

21 I WAS REALLY, REALLY SURPRISED. AND
22 EVERYONE KNOWS WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ALL MY NEIGHBORS
23 WERE THERE. WE WERE SHOCKED AND WE TOLD THEM SO.

24 AND THANKFULLY, THE MEETING WAS
25 ESSENTIALLY POSTPONED AND THERE WAS THIS MUCH LARGER

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1 TURNAROUND -- SENDING OUT OF THE LETTERS. AND I'M

2 VERY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE TO SPEAK BECAUSE OF
3 THAT.

4 I AM HOPING THAT ALL THIS INSIGHT FROM
5 ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY, WHO HAVE
6 WRITTEN, WHO HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS, SPEAKING
7 ABOUT THIS IN OTHER FORUMS ALL THROUGHOUT THEIR
8 LITTLE COMMUNITIES AROUND HERE -- I'M HOPING THAT
9 SOMEONE OUT THERE, SOME BODY, SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING CARE OF THE HEALTH AND
11 WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES ARE GOING TO
12 CONTINUE IMPROVING WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ANY
13 THOUGHTFUL, FORWARD-LOOKING 21ST CENTURY COMPANY.

14 I HOPE THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO TAKE
15 YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES INCREDIBLY SERIOUSLY. I WANT
16 YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION -- AND I'VE TALKED TO
17 MANY AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE
18 COMPLEXITY OF THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION THAT WE'RE
19 IN NOW, BECAUSE IT IS VERY COMPLEX.

20 BUT I WANT ALL OF YOU TO DO THE BEST YOU
21 CAN TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT IS GOING TO TAKE
22 CARE OF THE NEEDS OF THE HEALTH OF THIS COMMUNITY,
23 THAT'S GOING TO UNDERSTAND WHY HISTORICALLY IT'S
24 PROBABLY NOT THE GREATEST IDEA, THAT NOW LOTS AND
25 LOTS OF PEOPLE LIVE NEXT TO THE LANDFILL.

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1 OBVIOUSLY, THAT WASN'T WHAT WAS THOUGHT
2 40 YEARS AGO WHEN, BASICALLY, WE WERE LIVING ON THE
3 OUTSKIRTS OF A CITY AND NOW WE ARE LIVING RIGHT IN
4 THE MIDDLE OF IT, ESSENTIALLY.

5 I'M REALLY COUNTING ON IT. I WANT TO
6 HAVE FAITH. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TRUST PEOPLE IN
7 THE 21ST CENTURY, PEOPLE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES,
8 PEOPLE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING TO LOOK AT
9 THIS SITUATION AND COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

10 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWERS ARE GOING
11 TO BE, BUT YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF THE CONCERNS. I
12 WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A SOLUTION
13 THAT TAKES ALL OF THESE INTO ACCOUNT.

14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15 MS. MC EVEETY: HELLO. I'M SHERRY
16 MC EVEETY. I LIVE AT 10901 ELINDA PLACE, WHICH IS
17 RIGHT ON THE CORNER OF PEORIA, ACROSS THE STREET
18 FROM TED. AND I'VE LIVED THERE FOR 15 YEARS.

19 AND DURING THAT TIME -- IN FACT, LET ME
20 BACK UP.

21 BEFORE WE MOVED INTO THAT HOUSE, WE WERE
22 BASICALLY PROMISED THAT THE DUMP WOULD CLOSE IN THE
23 YEAR 2000. AND WE HAVE BEEN SO HOPEFUL AND WISHING
24 AND PRAYING THAT THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. AND NOW
25 SUDDENLY IT'S NOT OR IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT GOING TO

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1 BE THE CASE.

2 AND WHAT I'M HERE TO SAY TONIGHT IS WHAT
3 IT WAS LIKE LIVING FOR 15 YEARS ABOUT A MILE FROM
4 THE DUMP AND WHAT THE PROBLEMS WERE THAT I HAD
5 EXPERIENCED.

6 AND ONE OF THEM, OF COURSE, IS THE SMELL
7 ON A HOT SUMMER NIGHT WAFTING TOWARDS YOUR BACKYARD

8 WHEN YOU'RE OUT BARBECUING. IT'S REALLY OBNOXIOUS.

9 THEN WE HAVE ILLEGAL TRUCK TRAFFIC THAT
10 GOES DOWN PEORIA, WHICH IS A RESTRICTED STREET, TO
11 USE THE DUMPING FACILITIES ACROSS GLENOAKS FROM US.

12 THEY ALSO DUMP ON OUR STREET, ON OUR
13 SIDE -- ILLEGAL DUMPING ON OUR STREET, WHICH IS A
14 REAL PROBLEM. AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S TOXIC
15 DUMPING. I MEAN, WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DUMPING ON
16 THE STREET, LET ALONE WHAT THEY'RE DUMPING JUST
17 ACROSS THE STREET FROM US?

18 I MEAN, WHAT IS IN THAT DUMP AND HOW MUCH
19 MORE OF THAT CAN WE TAKE? DO THEY INSPECT EVERY
20 LITTLE THING THAT GOES IN THERE? IT COULD BE PAINT.
21 IT COULD BE, YOU KNOW, ALL KINDS OF TOXINS THAT LEAK
22 DOWN INTO THE WATER TABLE BELOW.

23 WHAT IF THERE'S A HUGE RAINSTORM? DOES
24 THAT COME DOWN INTO OUR STREETS? AND WE'RE REALLY
25 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT CONTINUING.

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1 I MEAN, IT'S BAD ENOUGH WHEN I GO OUT TO
2 MY FRONT YARD AND LOOK DOWN THE STREET, I CAN SEE
3 THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOOK
4 DOWN.

5 IT'S GOING TO GET 43 FEET TALLER? I
6 WOULD REALLY HATE THAT. AND I DON'T WANT TO MOVE.
7 I LIKE WHERE I LIVE, BUT I STAYED HERE BECAUSE I WAS
8 HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THIS DUMP WAS GOING TO
9 CLOSE.

10 SO OTHER THINGS THAT I'VE NOTICED ARE

11 POTHoles FROM THE HEAVY TRAFFIC. THERE'S A LOT OF
12 TRUCK EMISSIONS INTO THE AIR WE CAN SMELL, WE CAN
13 SEE.

14 ALL THESE THINGS ARE NOT GOING TO GET
15 BETTER AND THEY'RE GOING TO GET WORSE. WHAT
16 HAPPENS? ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE A TRAIN GO THROUGH
17 THERE AND THAT TRANSFER STATION? IS THAT GOING TO
18 MEAN MORE TRAFFIC? IT WILL NEVER STOP.

19 SO WE REALLY, REALLY ARE COUNTING ON THIS
20 DUMP BEING CLOSED.

21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22 MR. PLAFKIN: ROBERT KLUGE.

23 MR. KLUGE: MY NAME IS ROBERT KLUGE. I
24 LIVE AT 9308 TELFAIR AVENUE IN SUN VALLEY,
25 APPROXIMATELY HALF A MILE FROM THE DUMP SITE.

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1 I JUST WANT TO BRING TO EVERYONE'S
2 ATTENTION THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME DISHONESTY IN
3 REPORTING THINGS TO NEWSPAPERS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
4 IMPACT OF THAT DUMP.

5 FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO CITE,
6 EARLIER THIS YEAR, I TOOK A RIDE ON MY BICYCLE ABOUT
7 THREE BLOCKS TO A LITTLE STORE OVER THERE ON
8 SAN FERNANDO ROAD AND ALLEGHENY.

9 BY THE TIME I GOT OVER TO ALLEGHENY AND
10 TELFAIR, I HAD TO WRAP A T-SHIRT AROUND MY HEAD AND
11 AROUND MY FACE AND EYES TO BREATHE AND SEE WHERE I
12 WAS GOING.

13 MY DOG WOUND UP IN THE VET FROM THE DUST

14 IN HIS EYES. AND THIS WAS COMING FROM THE CURRENT
15 MOUNTAIN. IMAGINE 43 FEET HIGHER.
16 THE DUST WAS VERY THICK DOWN AT BYRD
17 MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THAT I READ
18 SOMETHING IN THE "L.A. TIMES" WHERE THEY TOLD THE
19 REPORTER THAT THE LITTLE MIST LINES THEY GOT AROUND
20 THE PERIMETER DO CONTROL ALL THE DUST AND THE DUST
21 DOESN'T COME OUT OF THERE.
22 WELL, YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO CONVINC ME
23 OF THAT. AND I THINK WE'VE GOT A SERIOUS AIR
24 POLLUTION PROBLEM AND THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM
25 WITH THE CHILDREN HAVING ASTHMA.

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1 AND IF THE PEOPLE CAN'T BE HONEST, I
2 REALLY THINK THEY OUGHT TO GET OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY.
3 THANK YOU.
4 MR. PLAFKIN: ELLEN MACKEY FOR TOM CRUSE --
5 FOR ERIC CRUSE.
6 MS. MACKEY: ERIC CRUSE IS ONE OF OUR
7 E.V.C. MEMBERS WHO CAN'T BE HERE THIS EVENING. HE
8 SENT IN A LETTER. I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE ENTIRE
9 LETTER. I'M GOING TO READ PORTIONS OF IT.
10 ANYONE WHO KNOWS ERIC KNOWS HE CAN GET
11 PRETTY VOCAL. I'M GOING TO TONE IT DOWN A TAD.
12 PARAGRAPH NUMBER 2:
13 "WHY IS IT THAT VIVIAN MARQUEZ
14 AND WAYNE TSUDA AT THE LOS
15 ANGELES CITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL
16 AFFAIRS, WHO GIVE BRADLEY

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17 LANDFILL THEIR PERMITS TO DUMP,
18 HAVE NOT YET GOTTEN BACK TO ME
19 WITH A 24-HOUR, SEVEN-DAYS-A-WEEK
20 PAGER NUMBER FOR THE NEIGHBORS OF
21 THE BRADLEY LANDFILL TO CALL WHEN
22 THEY WITNESS, AS I DID ON APRIL
23 4TH, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH AS THEY
24 DUMPED NEW GARBAGE WITH A CONVOY
25 OF DEMPSEY DUMPSTER-TYPE

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1 COMPACTOR TRUCKS FROM
2 APPROXIMATELY 11:00 P.M. TO 3:00
3 A.M. IN THE MORNING?
4 "NOW, THIS IS BEYOND THEIR
5 PERMIT HOURS AND IT IS AGAINST
6 THE LAW. SO WHY HAS THEIR PERMIT
7 NOT BEEN PULLED YET? THAT WAS
8 THREE WEEKS AGO TOMORROW AND I
9 HAVE WITNESSES.
10 "NUMBER THREE DEALS WITH
11 HAZARDOUS LEVELS OF METHANE GAS
12 AND SUBSURFACE MIGRATION, WHICH
13 IS THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT OF
14 HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE METHANE GAS AND
15 HOW BRADLEY DOESN'T SEEM TO GIVE
16 A DAMN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE
17 PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING NEXT
18 DOOR TO THEM, THEY DON'T HAVE THE
19 PROPER SUBSURFACE MIGRATION

20 LINERS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY
21 FEDERAL LAW BY THE RESOURCE
22 CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT,
23 WHICH BEGAN REQUIRING ALL NEW AND
24 EXPANDED LANDFILLS TO BE PROPERLY
25 LINED AS OF OCTOBER 9, 1993.

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1 "THIS DECREASES THE LIKELIHOOD
2 OF CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY,
3 PROPERTY DAMAGE, FIRES,
4 EXPLOSIONS AND DEATH ON YOUR
5 NEIGHBORS' PROPERTY.

6 "SCREW YOUR PROPERTY. WHAT
7 ABOUT US? WHAT ABOUT THE D.W.P.
8 POWER PLANT ACROSS THE STREET?

9 "DID YOU REALIZE METHANE CAN
10 MIGRATE UP TO 1,000 FEET
11 UNDERGROUND? DID YOU REALIZE YOU
12 ARE 920 FEET FROM THE GUARD SHACK
13 AT D.W.P.? I MEASURED IT WITH A
14 100-FOOT TAPE MEASURE.

15 "DO YOU REALIZE THAT WITH YOUR
16 ACCESS ROAD TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR
17 HILL, YOU ADD APPROXIMATELY ONLY
18 30 FEET? THAT'S 950 FEET. DO
19 YOU REALIZE THAT THE ENCLOSED
20 TRANSFORMER BUILDING THAT IS NO
21 MORE THAN 30 FEET FROM THE GUARD
22 SHACK IS ONLY 980 FEET FROM YOUR

23 LANDFILL?
24 "AND HOW ABOUT THE TWO VACANT
25 BUILDINGS THAT USED TO BE A

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1 COMPANY CALLED RESETS? THE ONE I
2 MEASURED IS 60 FEET BY 100 FEET
3 WITH A LOW CEILING HEIGHT OF 14
4 FEET AND A PEEK OF 23 FEET. THAT
5 MEANS THAT 111,000 CUBIC FEET OF
6 NONVENTILATED SPACE SITS JUST 61
7 FEET FROM YOUR PROPERTY LINE,
8 PLUS ABOUT 30 FEET FOR YOUR
9 ACCESS ROAD AND THEN THE BOTTOM
10 OF YOUR GARBAGE HEAP."
11 HE GOES ON TO SOME OTHER THINGS AND I
12 THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO EDIT THAT. SO THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH.

14 I'LL HAND THIS IN.

15 MR. PLAFKIN: ROSA GUTIERREZ.

16 MS. GUTIERREZ: HI, MY NAME IS ROSA
17 GUTIERREZ. I LIVE AT 11963 NEENACH. I'VE BEEN
18 THERE FOR 15 YEARS.

19 I PURCHASED A HOME RIGHT ACROSS FROM MY
20 MOM'S HOME BECAUSE I WANT TO BE CLOSE TO MY FAMILY.
21 I'VE BEEN THERE FOR NINE YEARS. I PURCHASED WHEN I
22 WAS 24 YEARS OLD. NOW I'M 33. I HAVE A 12-YEAR-OLD
23 AND A 2-YEAR-OLD.

24 I BOUGHT THAT HOUSE BECAUSE IT'S VERY
25 CONVENIENT. JUNIOR HIGH, ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL,

1 SHOPPING CENTER. YOU HAVE THE PARK VERY CLOSE BY.
2 VERY CONVENIENT. OKAY.

3 AND I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT "WELL,
4 SHOULD I SELL MY HOUSE NOW? WHAT SHOULD I DO?"
5 BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T LIKE THAT VIEW. MY SON
6 DOESN'T LIKE IT. I TRY NOT TO DRIVE THROUGH THERE
7 BECAUSE IT'S NOT VERY NICE.

8 I'VE BEEN THINKING I BOUGHT WHAT I COULD
9 AFFORD ONLY. AND I THINK I SHOULDN'T MOVE. I THINK
10 WASTE MANAGEMENT SHOULD MOVE. THEY CAN AFFORD TO
11 MOVE. IF THEY CAN AFFORD TO INCREASE 43 -- 47 FEET,
12 THEY CAN AFFORD TO MOVE. THEY CAN AFFORD TO TAKE
13 THEIR PEOPLE WITH THEM.

14 THAT'S WHAT I STRONGLY BELIEVE ABOUT THEM
15 AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW.

16 MR. PLAFKIN: AND THAT WAS THE LAST PERSON
17 FOR WHOM WE HAVE A SPEAKER CARD. WE'VE SAID WE'RE
18 GOING TO BE HERE UNTIL 9:00, SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO
19 WAIT FOR MORE SPEAKERS.

20 MR. PINIZZOTTO: HI. AGAIN, I'M TONY
21 PINIZZOTTO, 11433 STAGG STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD.

22 I THANK YOU FOR THE PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO
23 TALK. THERE'S JUST ONE OTHER THING I WANTED TO
24 BRING OUT ABOUT A YOUNG LADY, CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ, WHO
25 I BELIEVE MENTIONED THAT SHE SPOKE TO EVERYONE IN

1 THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS
2 LANDFILL CLOSING.

3 I'VE NEVER MET HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
4 YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO EVERYONE.

5 AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT
6 TONIGHT.

7 MS. MACKEY: EVERYONE AT E.V.C. KNOWS I'M
8 NEVER SHORT ON WORDS THERE.

9 THERE'S ONE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY
10 AND --

11 MR. PLAFKIN: LET THE COURT REPORTER --

12 MS. MACKEY: OH, THIS IS ELLEN MACKEY, 8300
13 VALECREST DRIVE, SUN VALLEY.

14 WE WANT TO LOOK AT -- WE WANT TO TALK
15 ABOUT MITIGATION. SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM
16 PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS DATING ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1975,
17 THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SERIOUS MITIGATION THAT'S BEEN
18 DONE, SO WE'RE GOING TO LOOK CLOSELY AT THE AIR
19 QUALITY MITIGATION.

20 E.V.C. HAS SUGGESTED A SERIES OF
21 MITIGATION MEASURES WE'D LIKE TO GO FORWARD ON THIS.
22 WE HAVE A LIST OF FOUR PAGES OF MITIGATION MEASURES,
23 INCLUDING A WEB OF AIR QUALITY MONITORS AND
24 PERMANENT MONITORING STATIONS AT THE LOCAL SCHOOLS,
25 WHICH ARE HEAVILY IMPACTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THIS

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1 LANDFILL.

2 WE ALSO FEEL THAT THE AMERICAN FACILITY,
3 WHICH IS A THREE- -- A PROPOSED THREE-SIDED

4 BUILDING, IS COMPLETELY INADEQUATE. THIS BUILDING
5 IS CLOSER TO SAN FERNANDO ROAD THAN THE PRESENT SLIP
6 FACE TO THE DUMP.

7 A THREE-SIDED BUILDING IS NOT ADEQUATE.
8 IT'S GOING TO ALLOW MORE NUISANCE ODOR INTO THIS
9 COMMUNITY THAT IS ALREADY HEAVILY IMPACTED.

10 WHAT WE'D LIKE IS CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER
11 PROJECTS THAT ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW BEFORE PLANNING.
12 AND WHAT THE SUGGESTED MITIGATION FOR THE AMERICAN
13 FACILITY IS IS A FOUR-SIDED BUILDING WITH A SERIOUS
14 VENTILATION SYSTEM THAT HOLDS AIR IN AS THE DOOR
15 OPENS, SO AS THE DUMP TRUCKS ENTER INTO THE
16 FACILITY, THE AIR IS PULLED INTO THE FACILITY RATHER
17 THAN BEING RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

18 THAT AIR IS TREATED BY A SERIOUS
19 VENTILATION SYSTEM BEFORE IT'S RELEASED INTO THE
20 COMMUNITY AGAIN.

21 I THINK THAT'S A MINIMUM IF WE'RE LOOKING
22 AT SERIOUS MITIGATION MEASURES.

23 THANK YOU.

24 MR. PLAFKIN: ANYONE? ANYONE AT ALL?

25 PLEASE RESTATE YOUR NAME AGAIN.

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: YEAH. I'M ALSO FROM THE
2 SUN VALLEY WATERSHED GROUP.

3 AND ALL THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, WHEN
4 IT RAINS, THE WATER NOT ONLY RUNS DOWN THE SURFACE
5 OF THE MOUNTAIN, IT GOES INTO THE MOUNTAIN AND IT
6 RUNS WHERE SUBTERRANEAN WATERS RUN, AND FOR THE LAST

7 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS, RIGHT DOWN THROUGH
8 TUXFORD AND SAN FERNANDO ROAD.

9 THAT'S RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO BRADLEY. AND
10 THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALWAYS HAVING FLOODS THERE. AND
11 WHEN WE DID ALL OF OUR IMPROVING WITH ALL OF OUR
12 STREETS AND OUR DEVELOPMENTS, THAT MADE IT EVEN
13 FASTER THAN THAT THE WATERS THAT TRAVELED AND PICK
14 UP A LOT OF POLLUTION.

15 WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE GOT DUMPS THAT HAVE
16 SOME LINING, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH. WE HAVE
17 PAPER -- AN ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S PAPER, OR WAS IT
18 TODAY, THAT TALKED ABOUT THE "LIQUIFICATION" OF THE
19 GROUND ALL UP AND DOWN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

20 WE HAVE A FAULT THAT'S ACTIVE. IT SLICES
21 THROUGH THE BOTTOM PART OF BRADLEY FILL. AS YOU
22 KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME EARTHQUAKES ALREADY. WE DON'T
23 KNOW -- THEIR TEST MACHINES, THEIR MONITORS WILL NOT
24 KNOW ANYTHING UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

25 ONCE -- ONCE IT -- SOMETHING GOES WRONG,

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1 ONCE THE WATER GETS POLLUTED, THEN IT'S TOO LATE.
2 YOU CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT TO FIX IT.

3 SO JUST ADDING AND ADDING AND ADDING IS
4 JUST LIKE A TIME BOMB WAITING TO GO OFF. AND THEY
5 WANT TO DO THIS FOREVER. AND FOREVER MEANS
6 EXPANSION.

7 YOU KNOW THAT. IF THEY GOT FOREVER, IN A
8 YEAR OR TWO, MAYBE THREE, THEY'RE GOING TO COME BACK
9 AND WANT TO EXPAND. THEN MAYBE A COUPLE MORE YEARS

10 AND EXPAND AND EXPAND AGAIN.

11 AND THE POPULATION INCREASES AND WE'RE
12 THE ONLY ONE OF TWO AREAS CATCHING IT ALL. THEN
13 IT'S GOING TO ALL DUMP RIGHT HERE. WE'VE GOT TO
14 SPREAD IT OUT.

15 AND IF -- YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT FAIR TO DUMP
16 EVERYTHING IN ONE -- ONE OR TWO PLACES.

17 MR. PLAFKIN: WHAT IMPACTS DO YOU WANT
18 STUDIED?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: PARDON?

20 MR. PLAFKIN: WHAT IMPACTS DO YOU WANT
21 STUDIED?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: WHAT IMPACTS?

23 WELL, TRAFFIC IS ONE. OF COURSE, THE
24 WATER, THE GROUNDWATER. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE A
25 RETENTION BASIN THAT GOES TO THE -- CATCHING ALL THE

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1 WATER THAT RUNS AROUND, RUNS OFF THE SIDE OF THE
2 DUMP AND INTO THAT SPOT.

3 WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THAT WATER?
4 DOESN'T IT GO DOWN? DOESN'T IT GO DOWN INTO THE
5 AQUA FILTER? AND IF IT DOES, HOW CLEAN IS IT?

6 THIS IS 14, 15 PERCENT OF OUR WELL WATER,
7 OUR DRINKING WATER COMES RIGHT HERE FROM SUN VALLEY
8 WATERSHED. THIS IS JUST VERY DANGEROUS.

9 WE HAVE AN ACCUMULATION. IT'S NOT JUST
10 ONE DUMP. IT'S THE ACCUMULATION OF ALL THE DUMPS,
11 ALL THE ASPHALT RECYCLING, THE JUNKYARDS. THEY'VE
12 ALL BEEN GROWING AND MULTIPLYING AND WE JUST --

13 YOU TALK ABOUT HEALTH? I DON'T THINK YOU
14 COULD FIND ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO LIVE HERE IF THEY
15 REALLY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND THAT'S -- THAT'S
16 ANOTHER THING AND IT REALLY HURTS THE QUALITY OF
17 LIFE HERE.

18 WE DON'T GET THE BENEFITS THAT MOST
19 DECENT TOWNS HAVE BECAUSE OF THE REPUTATION. WE
20 CAN'T GET ANY GOOD BUSINESSES TO COME TO THIS PLACE.
21 JUST THINK OF HOW MANY GOOD BUSINESSES YOU COULD
22 HAVE ON THAT BIG MOUNTAIN.

23 OKAY. I'M GETTING OFF THE TRACK.
24 ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

25 MS. SANTISO: I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY

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1 SOMETHING --

2 MR. PLAFKIN: NAME AGAIN?

3 MS. SANTISO: CLARA SANTISO AT 10847
4 TUXFORD STREET.

5 -- BECAUSE WHEN I TALKED EARLIER, I
6 MENTIONED GASES. WELL, THOSE GASES ARE METHANE,
7 FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND NOW, BECAUSE I'M JUST -- I'M
8 JUST SCRATCHING THE SURFACE ON ALL THIS STUFF. I'M
9 NOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST.

10 AND SO WHEN YOU SAID, "WELL, WHAT KIND OF
11 STUDIES WOULD WE LIKE DONE," HOW ABOUT ASTHMA AND
12 CANCER AND ALL OF THOSE TYPE OF THINGS?

13 AND FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, U.C.L.A. HAS
14 A STUDY THAT THEY DID. AND SO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS
15 WHAT I'VE HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE. AND SO IF

16 YOU GUYS COULD JUST TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THAT STUFF AS
17 TO CONSIDER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR WELL-BEING HERE IN
18 SUN VALLEY, ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN.

19 MR. MC DONALD: HELLO. MY NAME IS TED
20 MC DONALD, 11001 PEORIA STREET, SUN VALLEY.

21 I WANTED TO BRING UP ONE POINT.
22 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM -- I MEAN, THIS OVERALL
23 PROBLEM OF THE DUMP OR ITS HISTORY AND THE
24 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SO FORTH.

25 I REALLY BELIEVE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT

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1 IT AS A PROBLEM THAT IS QUITE UNIQUE AND MAY REQUIRE
2 EXTENSIVE RESEARCH BY PEOPLE WHO ARE -- IN OTHER
3 WORDS, IT'S A PROBLEM SO COMPLEX AND SO UNIQUE
4 HISTORICALLY, ENVIRONMENTALLY.

5 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED HERE, THE
6 DIFFERENT OWNERS, AND DIFFERENT CITY GOVERNMENTS --
7 I MEAN, THERE'S SO MANY THINGS THAT GO INTO IT BEING
8 A UNIQUE SITUATION IN A UNIQUE CITY IN A UNIQUE
9 CENTURY, I REALLY BELIEVE THAT SOME -- SOME ATTEMPT
10 AT GIVING PEOPLE WHO COULD DO -- COULD FORMULATE THE
11 REAL QUESTION, WHICH IS WHAT I DON'T THINK ANY OF US
12 AS RESIDENTS HERE IN THIS AREA, OR EVEN MANY PEOPLE
13 WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THIS ALL THEIR LIVES ARE AT THIS
14 TIME CAPABLE OF DOING.

15 BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS A PROBLEM WORTHY OF
16 A LOT MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE WE GO INTO
17 THE FUTURE, POSSIBLY REPEATING PATTERNS THAT HAVE
18 NOT BROUGHT US INTO A GOOD ENVIRONMENT, AS IT IS

19 RIGHT NOW.

20 IN OTHER WORDS, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO COME
21 UP WITH A MODEL THAT'S SUSTAINABLE, THAT IS ABLE TO
22 TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE -- FIRST OF ALL, FACE AND
23 REALIZE AND CALCULATE AND CHART REAL HARMS THAT
24 OCCURRED TO THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF WHAT HAS
25 HAPPENED HERE.

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1 SO THAT'S GOT TO BE DONE AND
2 ACKNOWLEDGED. AND THEN SOMEHOW IMAGINE A WAY OF
3 TAKING THIS HARM, TAKING WHAT EVEN THE MANAGEMENT OF
4 THESE COMPANIES ARE EVEN, IN THEIR RIGHT MOMENTS,
5 WILLING TO UNDERSTAND AND ADMIT, THAT THIS HAS BEEN
6 A HARM.

7 IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE THING THAT WE'VE ALL
8 FOUND OURSELVES IN. BUT TO TAKE THAT AND TO COME UP
9 WITH A WAY TO MOVE IT INTO THE FUTURE THAT'S NOT --
10 THAT'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE HEALTH ISSUES AND
11 THE AIR QUALITY PROBLEMS AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE INTO
12 CONSIDERATION AND DO STUDIES ON THE REAL HEALTH
13 EFFECTS THAT MAY HAVE GENUINELY OCCURRED.

14 HAS THERE BEEN ANY COMPARATIVE STUDIES
15 WITH THE CHILDREN, FOR EXAMPLE, AT THOSE SCHOOLS,
16 WHERE THE CHILDREN HAVE COMPLAINED OF ASTHMA AND
17 WHATNOT AND COMPARED IT WITH SCHOOLS THAT ARE IN A
18 CLEANER ENVIRONMENT SOMEWHERE IN THIS CITY? HAS
19 ANYONE DONE THAT? IS THERE SUCH A STUDY?

20 IF THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM, LET'S
21 ACKNOWLEDGE IT. WHY ARE WE GOING TO HIDE IT? DO WE

22 WANT TO LIVE IN A CITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER
23 FEEL THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A POSITION OF
24 RESPONSIBILITY ARE NOT DOING THE BEST THEY POSSIBLY
25 CAN?

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1 MR. PLAFKIN: MR. MC DONALD --

2 MR. MC DONALD: OKAY. THANK YOU. I'M
3 SORRY. I THINK I GOT MY POINT.

4 MR. PLAFKIN: WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE
5 SPECIFICS. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE FORUM FOR
6 THAT.

7 MR. MC DONALD: OKAY. I APOLOGIZE FOR
8 THAT.

9 I THINK YOU KNOW ME AND -- MAYBE ME AND
10 SOME OTHERS. WHEN YOU SAY "GIVE SPECIFICS," I'M
11 ASSUMING THAT YOU MEAN WE SHOULD HAVE A --

12 MR. PLAFKIN: SPECIFIC --

13 MR. MC DONALD: -- SPECIFIC PLAN FOR --

14 MR. PLAFKIN: SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT YOU FEEL
15 NEED TO BE ANALYZED IN THIS PARTICULAR REPORT.

16 MR. MC DONALD: WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, AND
17 I'LL SAY ONE LAST SENTENCE, IS I REALLY BELIEVE THAT
18 WE, AS THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL, ARE NOT CAPABLE OF
19 FORMULATING THAT.

20 IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE PUTTING A VERY
21 LARGE BURDEN ON US TO ASSUME THAT WE CAN FORMULATE
22 SPECIFIC -- WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE
23 QUESTION -- WHAT IT IS THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

24 WHAT WE DO KNOW IS SOMETHING IS NOT

25 RIGHT. AND WE'RE JUST LOOKING -- IN OTHER WORDS,

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1 YOU'RE ASKING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PROFESSIONALS,
2 WHO HAVEN'T SPENT A LOT OF TIME STUDYING -- WE DON'T
3 KNOW HOW TO FORMULATE THAT QUESTION.

4 I HOPE THAT -- I THINK IT IS, BUT I THINK
5 THAT'S MY POINT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU
6 UNDERSTAND I'M NOT SURE WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ALL
7 THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE SAID.

8 BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE TIME AND THERE
9 NEEDS TO BE MORE THOUGHT PUT INTO THIS. AND I'M
10 WILLING TO WAIT AND SEE IF THAT HAPPENS. THAT'S ALL
11 I CAN SAY.

12 MR. PLAFKIN: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, BY THE
13 WAY, THAT IF SOMEONE DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE
14 SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT OR IF YOU'VE COME UP WITH ANY
15 IDEAS LATER ON THAT MAY OCCUR TO YOU -- QUESTIONS
16 YOU FEEL NEED TO BE ASKED, WE DO TAKE WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS AND WE WEIGH THEM AS MUCH AS ANYTHING SAID
18 HERE TODAY.

19 AND WE WILL ACCEPT THOSE COMMENTS -- I
20 BELIEVE OUR DEADLINE IS MAY 23RD, SO YOU HAVE A FULL
21 MONTH, PRETTY MUCH, TO FORMULATE ADDITIONAL
22 QUESTIONS TO ME.

23 AND YOU CAN USE THAT TIME TO SIT AND
24 DISCUSS IT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, WHAT YOU THINK NEEDS
25 TO BE DISCUSSED. AND IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR PUBLIC

1 SCOPING MEETING NOTICES, THE ADDRESS FOR WHERE THOSE
2 COMMENTS CAN BE SENT IS ON THE -- IS ON THOSE
3 NOTICES.

4 AND JUST IN CASE, WE ALSO HAVE THEM
5 POSTED UP HERE ON THIS BOARD. SO YOU HAVE TO
6 REMEMBER: THIS IS NOT YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY. YOU
7 STILL HAVE A FULL MONTH TO COME UP WITH MORE
8 QUESTIONS.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: EXCUSE ME. IS SOMEBODY
10 REALLY GOING TO TAKE THE TIME AND READ EACH COMMENT?

11 MR. PLAFKIN: OH, YES.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: WHICH ONE?

13 MR. PLAFKIN: I READ OVER 800 COMMENTS ON
14 OTHER REPORTS, SO YES, WE DO READ EACH AND EVERY
15 ONE. WE GET PAID.

16 I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THERE'S NO
17 REASON FOR US TO NOT READ THEM. TRUST ME.

18 MR. DESPRES: HI. I'M TOM DESPRES. I LIVE
19 AT 10340 VALLEY GLOW DRIVE IN SUN VALLEY.

20 I WANT TO KNOW IF ANY STUDIES HAVE BEEN
21 DONE SINCE, SAY, DECEMBER, WHEN WE WERE TOLD THAT
22 THE BRADLEY LANDFILL WAS TRYING TO RAISE THE LEVEL
23 APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET, I THINK. THERE WERE TWO
24 SEPARATE ISSUES.

25 ONE WAS INITIALLY THEY WERE GOING TO

1 RAISE IT 10 TO 20 FEET AND NOW THEY'RE EXPECTED

2 TO -- 43.

3 I'M WONDERING IF ANY MEASUREMENTS OF ANY
4 KIND -- SOIL SAMPLES, WATER SAMPLES HAVE BEEN TAKEN
5 TO SEE THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF THAT FROM THAT POINT
6 TILL NOW IN ORDER TO GAUGE POTENTIALLY WHAT 43 FEET
7 WOULD BE.

8 ARE THERE ANY STATISTICS OUT THERE? IS
9 OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DOING ANYTHING
10 TO MEASURE THAT AT THIS POINT IN REAL TIME TO GIVE
11 US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE ENVIRONMENTAL
12 IMPACT?

13 MR. PLAFKIN: WE HAD ONE SPEAKER WHO WAS
14 HERE PREVIOUSLY AND HE HAD TO LEAVE. AND HE'S --
15 AND THEN SAID HE WAS COMING BACK. JAY ERIC
16 FRIEDNER, IF HE'S RETURNED.

17 OKAY. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR NAME FOR THE
18 RECORD.

19 JONATHAN: MY NAME IS JONATHAN AND MY
20 SISTER, SHE ALWAYS GETS A BLOODY NOSE WHEN SHE --
21 EVERY MORNING WHEN SHE'S HERE. AND IT CAN'T BE ANY
22 OTHER REASON BECAUSE WHEN WE GO OUT TO MEXICO, SHE
23 DOESN'T BLEED. SO IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE
24 DUMP. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON IT COULD BE.

25 MR. PLAFKIN: IF PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE A

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1 BREAK, WE'LL WAIT UNTIL ADDITIONAL COMMENT OR
2 SPEAKER CARDS APPEAR. WHEN WE GET A NUMBER, WE'LL
3 RESUME IF YOU WISH. BUT WE'RE STAYING HERE UNTIL AT
4 LEAST 9:00 O'CLOCK.

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9 9:00 P.M., THE PROCEEDINGS
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5 I, KELLI C. NORDEN, CERTIFIED SHORTHAND
6 REPORTER, CERTIFICATE NUMBER 7200, FOR THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA, HEREBY CERTIFY:

8 THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS WERE TAKEN BEFORE
9 ME AT THE TIME AND PLACE THEREIN SET FORTH;
10 THE FOREGOING TRANSCRIPT IS A TRUE AND
11 CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF MY SHORTHAND NOTES SO TAKEN;
12 I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER COUNSEL
13 FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID ACTION NOR IN
14 ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.
15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
16 SUBSCRIBED MY NAME THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2003.

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