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Dear Zoning Commission Members,
City Council Members,

We are the owners of property on Highway 1984, and Mill Road, that falls within the "400' Buffer" around the property under consideration in case number CZ-18-21.

We have concerns about the frequent flooding issues that we have observed with just moderate rainfall on our neighbor's property. There is a dry creek that runs through the corn field, that has flooded the area, just this week, with only one inch of rain, there is standing water. When we have had real rain and floods, it has over run the highway between our location and Highway 80. Anyone who lives in a river bottom, knows that the river floods. That is why farmers came here in the first place, because of the fertile soil, as a result of frequent flooding over the years.

We are concerned that without the issue of water and flooding being addressed, a new "heavy industrial" area, will drown our homes and property, when they are allowed to cover 80% of their area with concrete and asphalt.

We have further concerns about factories built right next to our homes and water wells, that we depend on for our drinking water.

If our plans for the future come to pass, we will build four more small homes on the adjacent property to your "heavy industrial" zone. With four more families driving home on these same roads, and drinking from the same water well, just a few feet away from where these unknown factories are set to be built.

When we bought this land, from the family who had been here since the 1930's it was with the promise that the properties would remain together, and be passed to another family who would love and protect it into the future. We plan to honor that promise.

We are business owners ourselves, and we understand growth and community development is part of what makes our area a desirable destination. However, endangering the property values and lives of our neighbors, is something that needs to be a serious consideration as well.

People live down stream from these "heavy industrial" zones you are deciding on. We have had deadly flooding just last month in very close proximity to this location. Besides flood control, can our current highway system hold up to more traffic and heavy trucks, and how will that impact an already overloaded intersection that leads into San Marcos and I-35?

Please remember that monetary gain has to be balanced with the quality of life you are determining for you neighbors and their families in areas adjacent to the "zone" under consideration.

We are citizens of this community as well. Shouldn't someone be looking out for the rights of your citizens, instead of simply interested in how much money can be made?

Lesser citizens, and those with less legal representation, or resources with which mount a real protest, should not be the primary determining factor in the decisions made by this council.

Your constituents have placed their trust, and futures in your deliberate decisions. Those are decisions that should be made in the best interest of everyone you represent. Please don't make your judgements based only on what is expedient for people with the most money to be made.

We, and this area, deserve better than to be treated like the "low hanging fruit"!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James & Deborah Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the names "James" and "Deborah" written in a smaller, more compact script, and "Robertson" written in a larger, more prominent script.

James and Deborah Robertson