

Robert Jones

See attached Letter in opposition.

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To whom it may concern:

We are adamantly opposed to the Mr. Roper's concrete batch plant ("plant"). While Mr. Roper selected this specific property, it is my understanding that the property is subject to restrictive covenants that prevent the use he has chosen. Mr. Roper purchased the property subject to these covenants and should be bound by them. Residents purchased property in this area with knowledge (whether actual or constructive) of these covenants and are entitled to have them enforced. It is difficult to imagine that there are no other properties to locate the plant in Lincoln County that are less hazardous to the residents of Lincoln County. To put it succinctly, the needs of the many (residents) outweigh the needs of the one (Mr. Roper).

We, as many others in the area, purchased property in Alto, NM near the now proposed plant prior to any knowledge of any plans for the plant. We purchased the property because of its majestic views, wildlife located on our property and residential character of the neighborhood.

We oppose the plant because of how it will (i) affect the air quality and vegetation in the area, (ii) create noise pollution, (iii) create hazardous driving conditions, (iv) deplete the precarious water availability in the area (v) affect rain catchment systems and (v) reduce property values near the plant.

Unquestionably, the plant will be detrimental to both the health of the residents and elk and mule deer that make Alto, NM home by reducing the air quality in the area. Concrete dust is a tremendous nuisance and hazard. The dust will affect the air we and the wildlife breathe. The dust will also cover and create unhealthy vegetation that the elk and mule deer rely on to survive. The dust will also impair the residential development (and corresponding tax base) in Alto, NM.

Also, unquestionably, the noise pollution caused by the plant will disturb the quiet enjoyment of each resident's property near the plant. The noise will also inhibit further residential development (and corresponding tax base) in the area.

In addition, turning NM Hwy 220 into a speedway for top heavy concrete trucks is a dangerous proposition. Logic dictates that the design of concrete trucks cause them to be top-heavy. This in turn creates a hazard on roads with curves. A simple drive from Alto to Capitan and Ruidoso on Hwy 48, Hwy 220 to Fort Stanton, Hwy 380 to Lincoln and Hwy 37 to Nogal will demonstrate the hazard of concrete trucks driving on these highways due to curves on and narrowness of these highways. In addition, I have personally seen residents and visitors (many of whom are elderly), including myself and my wife, traveling on Hwy 220 who will be put at risk of collision with a concrete truck while simply enjoying a ride and looking at the wildlife due to numerous concrete trucks entering and exiting the plant and driving on highways in the area.

It is well known that water in Alto is a precious commodity. Most residents have under performing water wells and try to conserve water. In addition, many residents, such as us, have rain catchment systems and/or plan on implementing rain catchment systems to supplement their water supply and reduce the strain on their water wells. The plant will unquestionably cause an issue with the available underground water supply through overuse. In addition, residents with a rain catchment

system will without a doubt end up with concrete dust in their rain/drinking water supply resulting from the plant.

Finally, logic dictates that sales prices, property tax valuations and residential development will undoubtedly be reduced by the eyesore, air-sore and noise generated by the concrete plant.

While the owners of the proposed batch plant seem unconcerned about the effect of their venture on the Alto community and the health and safety of its residents, we are concerned and vehemently oppose approving a noise generating, dust storm and traffic safety issue in our community. As previously stated, the needs of the many (residents) outweigh the needs of the one (Mr. Roper).

Sincerely,

/s/

Bobbie and Carl Jones

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