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Below is why I support the approval of the Alto Concrete Batch Plant:

1. Alto is demanding the product.
2. The proposed location maximizes the environment benefits to the entire community. Reducing the average trucking miles for a load of concrete delivered to the Alto area by approximately 85 miles per load. This considers both aggregate deliveries to the plant and concrete deliveries to the customers.
3. Many people are rightfully concerned about water. The plant will use about 4 acre feet of water a year, a typical residential well is permitted for 3 acre feet per year. Keep in mind that concrete is a necessity. The water used to produce concrete goes directly to the utility benefit of the customer purchasing the concrete.
4. We believe the open market is the best instrument for determining what private business does and where it does it. If a business meets all the regulation on the books (and there are plenty of regs) then they should be free to compete in the open market.
5. Customers demanding concrete will receive better, more timely service at a competitive rate. When you only have one supplier in an area, they have a monopoly on the market.
6. It is good for Lincoln County.
7. Private property rights.
8. NMED is taxed with protecting the public health. Roper has met all the regulations and NMED has approved the draft permit. Meaning NMED has confirmed that this plant will not create any health hazards to the community.

Roper should be allowed to open his business. The busybodies that oppose it don't understand it. It's still a free country. Barely.