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As a resident of the affected community, I am writing in opposition to the approval of this transfer station. We have an abundance of existing polluting industry in this neighborhood, and do not want or need another. This area already hosts waste sites for automotive, wastewater, green matter, and a landfill, as well as working industrial businesses. We already have unaddressed concerns about air pollution, water pollution, and heavy traffic on insufficient neighborhood roads. The installation of this transfer station would only serve to worsen each of these existing issues.

This neighborhood has historically opted not to be incorporated into the city of Albuquerque, and our punishment is to be their designated dumping ground, a sacrifice zone where the city can discard anything too unsightly or hazardous for placing within its own borders, but close enough for its convenience. Families have been living here for generations - there's an elementary school just blocks from this site and kids play outside on our streets. We have bike paths and moderate to heavy pedestrian activity because this is a living community. Going forward with this project not only inconveniences us with traffic and raises safety concerns, but endangers health and adds to existing environmental pressures for those who live here. This transfer station harms the people of the immediate community, and lowers value of the neighborhood.

I attended the recent public hearing and I also have serious concerns regarding the large water usage called for in this project, the lack of accountability for the owner's sustainability promises, the insufficient traffic adjustment plan of simply installing turn lanes, and the inevitable overburdening of our few roads with over 400 commercial load trucks daily.

Please do not forsake our community as a dumping ground. Please value our quality of life and our safety over convenience and profit. Please do not allow yet another source of toxins with no checks or accountability into our neighborhood.