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Although I live in the South Valley. I just found out of a proposed trash, transfer depot neat my home. I believe that this clearly endangers me an my family and I thoroughly oppose this proposal. Furthermore there are alternate solutions that are possible which just shows that this is another way to further disenfranchise the communities of South Valley.

The lack of exits in the Mountain View are would make this proposal a safety hazard. There are only two major north-south streets between I-25 and the river in the Mountain View area. Broadway has exits north to Rio Bravo and south to I-25. Second Street only has a north exit to Rio Bravo and two lateral streets to Broadway. The lateral that has been being used for months, because of work on 2nd St., Prosperity, is in a terrible disrepair. It is a primary route that residents and visitors have been required to use in and out of areas leading to Mountain View elementary, Valle del Oro, Joy Junction, and all the homes and farms in the area. This alone is egregious behavior against our South Valley communities.

The addition of the proposed site, 1.5 miles from Mountain View elementary, would further hurt our communities and create a fire and safety hazard. Just last week there was a fire on Broadway at a recycling center that closed Broadway north and south. Imagine if an evacuation was needed - 4000+ people had to exit onto a single lane on 2nd street, maybe not knowing which lateral street to take, breathing in fumes and smoke. One additional accident on 2nd street or Broadway, and everything could stop. This would be a catastrophe.

The trash depot proposal would increase truck traffic (large trucks) by 488 per day on Broadway. That is about 40 trucks per hour in a 12-hour day and 60 per hour in an 8-hour day. I am not sure Broadway can safely handle that increase in traffic. I keep imagining if Broadway were blocked with a fire or accident, there could be a only a single way out for all the Mountain View Residents. How do the students get out?

I understand the Community Impact Assessment didn't have any information from the community, just that they'd published the proposal in English and Spanish in the ABQ Journal. I live here and I didn't know about it. So, I'm thinking that the lack of information is deliberate so that the community cannot educate themselves, have a discussion, or make public comments. This is because the proposal does not take our needs into consideration and would be a danger to our safety. Once again our representatives, the city of Albuquerque, and New Mexico is failing us.

I've heard the person proposing this transfer station is a nice man. There are other options - a smaller station in each county or a depot, like the proposal, farther south of Albuquerque. The depot will also require water to mist the trash to reduce dust - and, right now, the farmers aren't able to irrigate

Why I'm writing: Urban centers tend to destroy the spaces of the most disenfranchised communities to make the life of the upper and middle class better. I worry that this would be another moment in history where we are treated like the trash those trucks would move around. But the South Valley is critical to New Mexico and deserves better. I don't want this to happen to Mountain View, with each new, potentially dangerous business on Broadway. MV is a great community. There are farmers, creative people, community gardens, kids and culture and traditions. I see multigenerational farms

and families with good lives there. MV needs the city and county to work with them to build a future for their children.