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****Public Comment Opposing the Proposed Broadway Transfer Station****

My name is Dixie Mussaw, and I have been a resident of the Mountain View community for 36 years. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Broadway Transfer Station.

This proposal would significantly and negatively impact the quality of life for the residents of Mountain View and the surrounding neighborhoods. One of my primary concerns is the dramatic increase in traffic that this facility would create. According to available information, the permit would bring more than 400 trash trucks into our community on a regular basis. The roads in our area were never designed to accommodate this volume of heavy commercial traffic.

Beyond the daily traffic burden, there is also the concern of accidents, road closures, or other incidents that would force these trucks onto our residential streets. Our neighborhood roads are simply not equipped to handle the weight and frequency of this type of traffic. What is currently a quiet residential community would become a transportation corridor for waste-hauling operations.

Additionally, this facility would not be handling only waste generated by our community residents. The proposed transfer station would receive garbage from multiple counties, bringing a substantial increase in waste volume to our community. This raises serious concerns about odors, air quality, and environmental impacts. Residents should not be forced to endure noxious fumes and industrial activity in an area where families have chosen to live, work, and raise their children for generations.

As a professional in the pest management industry and as the Public Policy Affairs Representative for the New Mexico Pest Management Association, I am particularly concerned about the public health implications associated with large-scale waste handling facilities. Garbage transfer stations are known attractants for pest populations, including flies, rodents, and other vectors capable of spreading disease. Increased pest pressure will not remain confined to the facility itself but will inevitably impact the surrounding neighborhoods and homes.

Furthermore, Mountain View Elementary School is located less than a mile from the proposed site. Our children deserve the opportunity to learn and grow in a healthy environment, free from industrial pollution, excessive truck traffic, and increased exposure to pest-related health risks. The potential impacts on their health, safety, and quality of life should not be overlooked.

The Mountain View community has worked hard to preserve its character and quality of life. This proposal threatens both. We must protect our neighborhoods, our families, and future generations from the unnecessary burdens this facility would impose.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to reject the proposed Broadway Transfer Station and seek alternative solutions that do not place such a disproportionate burden on our community.

Thank you for your consideration.