

# Minh Phan

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed trash transfer station near 509 Guzman Ave SW.

This area of Albuquerque is already heavily burdened by industrial development, waste operations, truck traffic, and air pollution. Adding another waste-related facility would further increase congestion, diesel emissions, noise, dust, and environmental health risks for nearby residents.

The South Valley and surrounding industrial corridor already contain a disproportionate concentration of polluting facilities compared to many other parts of Albuquerque. Community organizations and environmental studies have repeatedly identified these neighborhoods as "overburdened" areas due to the cumulative impact of asphalt plants, industrial yards, recycling facilities, waste operations, trucking activity, and other industrial sites.

According to reports cited by environmental organizations and the American Lung Association, Bernalillo County has received failing grades for ozone and particulate pollution. These pollutants are linked to asthma, respiratory illness, cardiovascular disease, and other serious health conditions.

Residents in Albuquerque's South Valley have already raised concerns for years about being treated as a "sacrifice zone" where industrial and waste facilities are repeatedly concentrated instead of distributed more fairly throughout the city.

The City of Albuquerque itself acknowledged community concerns by placing mobile air monitoring equipment in the San Jose neighborhood specifically because of pollution concerns from nearby industry.

This proposal would worsen existing traffic and air quality problems in a community that is already disproportionately impacted. Large waste trucks traveling through residential and mixed-use areas would create additional safety concerns, increase road wear, and contribute more diesel exhaust emissions to nearby neighborhoods.

I urge city officials and decision-makers to reject this proposal and prioritize environmental justice, public health, traffic safety, and the quality of life for residents already living alongside a high concentration of industrial activity.

Thank you