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From my perspective, Project Jupiter is a project that should not move forward because the risks and unanswered questions outweigh the promised benefits. It feels like something that's being rushed without enough transparency, accountability, or meaningful public input. What concerns me most is the uncertainty surrounding its long-term impact. Projects of this scale can affect communities, the environment, and people's daily lives for years to come. If those impacts aren't fully understood or openly discussed, moving forward is irresponsible. The potential environmental impacts are another major concern. Large-scale developments can damage natural habitats, reduce green space, increase pollution, and place additional strain on local ecosystems. Once these changes occur, they can be difficult or impossible to reverse. There are also economic concerns. Projects like this often require significant funding, and if costs exceed expectations or the projected benefits fail to materialize, taxpayers and local communities may ultimately bear the financial burden. Those resources could potentially be invested in projects with clearer and more immediate benefits. The impact on the community should not be overlooked either. Increased traffic, construction noise, changes to neighborhoods, and pressure on local infrastructure can reduce residents' quality of life. If the people most affected by the project don't feel their voices are being heard, it creates distrust and resentment instead of support. I also believe that trust has to be earned. When people feel excluded from the decision-making process or don't receive clear, honest information, it creates doubt instead of confidence. A project that affects so many people should be built on openness, not assumptions. To me, Project Jupiter represents a lack of transparency and an unwillingness to address legitimate public concerns before making major decisions. Until there is stronger evidence that the benefits truly outweigh the cost, the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. The air quality permit application should be denied outright given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County. If the permit is not denied outright, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.