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I reject the proposal of Project Jupiter. This proposal would place a large new industrial burden on southern New Mexico at a time when our region already faces serious long-term constraints on water, infrastructure, and environmental resilience. Even if the project uses some non-potable water and closed-loop cooling, it would still create new industrial demand, require major supporting infrastructure, and rely in part on fossil-fuel-based energy systems. I am also deeply concerned by the scale of the public subsidies and tax benefits being offered, which shift substantial risk to the community without clear, enforceable guarantees that local residents will receive proportional long-term benefits. Economic development should strengthen our region without compromising scarce resources or giving away too much public leverage. For these reasons, I ask that Project Jupiter be denied and that the County instead prioritize development that is transparent, sustainable, and truly in the long-term public interest.

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