

Faye Thomas

From: Clerk of Board
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Re: Public comment for todays hearing 1/16

From: Sarah Olaguez <saraholaguez22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 10:32 AM
To: Clerk of Board <clerkofboard@aqmd.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Public comment for todays hearing 1/16

I was able to make my statement thank you.

Warmly,
Sarah Olaguez
818.284.1176

On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 10:11 AM Sarah Olaguez <saraholaguez22@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Clerk of Board,

I had cleared my schedule as best I could for this hearing, but do have to go to work and it seem I will be missing the public comment portion of the meeting today. I wanted to be able to submit my written public comment to read aloud if possible.

My name is Sarah Olaguez, I am a resident of Val Verde. I say this as a mother, a wife, a friend, as a member of this community. My children are getting sicker, my friends are getting sicker. We have irritated skin, raspy, scratch throats, we have intense headaches and migraines, and our respiratory systems become weaker every day. And these are just the short term symptoms we are experiencing. We do not yet know the long term effects.

We no longer have clean, safe air to breath. We can not open our windows, enjoy our yards, or simply take a walk. The stress of this exposure, of continuing to have to report the odors, waiting around for it to be verified, attending meeting after meeting to make sure that the community's voice is heard, is exhausting. The administrative burden of dealing with this in addition to OUR actual jobs and every day life is exhausting. You, as the board and lawyers, get to go home and put this down, we go home and breathe it in while we sleep. We need real action, we need to be moved away from the landfill. We need to breathe clean air.

Warmly,
Sarah Olaguez
818.284.1176