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Sincerely,

Name/Nombre: María Dalila Guzmán y Cirate Ochoa

Address/Dirección: [redacted]

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715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date/Fecha: Oct 6, 2026

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Sincerely, Lucian & Steve Martin

Name/Nombre: _____

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In addition, this will impact noise levels in our community. It sits on a fault line likely to fracture in an earthquake. This also is uphill from a water source pumped back into our →

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ground water source.
This technology is toxic in nature & I want true transparency on the mining of this Lithium! Perhaps most paramount is the poor preparedness in the event of thermal runnaway (which Happens!). Our closest & only true evacuation site is within a mile/2 of the site, the fairgrounds. Watsonville hospital is ill equipped to handel a mass disaster. The fire response from the two firemen @ Mount Madonna will be tragic. Plus they have no education on how to mitigate toxic Plume dust on my adjacent property! I will sue you if this happens!
DON'T BUILD THIS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD!!!

Date/Fecha: 10-5-26

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Name/Nombre: Gabriela Para D.

Address/Dirección: [redacted]

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Date/Fecha: October 5, 2026

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Name/Nombre: Rosemary C. Smith

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