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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

## **LULAC District 17 Talking Points:**

- LULAC's National Policy Platform section on environment and climate change begins with the following sentence: "LULAC opposes the practice of locating environmentally damaging or dangerous sites in Hispanic and other disadvantaged communities..."
- Projects like the Puente Project being discussed today, and the Mission
  Rock project in Santa Paula are precisely what our organization intended
  when they approved our policy platform in Washington last year.
- LULAC District 17, which represents the interests of Latino communities in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties stands strongly opposed to these projects, because of the risks they pose to public health and to the environment.
- As the nation's oldest and largest Hispanic civil rights advocacy organization, our job is to hold our elected and appointed officials accountable to the decisions that they make, and in this instance, silence is consent it is the responsibility of our elected representatives and all levels of government to voice their opposition to this project on behalf of our community that is overwhelmingly opposed to this project. We call on our local, state, and federal elected officials to publicly oppose the Puente and Mission Rock projects and to submit their opposition into the public record.

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