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My name is Ken Hares and I am a member of the San Ignacio Homeowner's Association.

I am writing to address the Equinix - Great Oaks South Backup Generating Facility.

It would appear that this project has been proceeding under a level of secrecy. That's not surprising when the intended use violates the zoning code for the property. The project has not followed the proper approval process in that there have been no public hearings as required, nor has the city council voted their approval of the project. The California Energy Commission must also approve.

This project was approved illegally by the San Jose Planning & Development Dept. without public notice and without community outreach, in violation of it's own rules.

I am asking that you disapprove this project for the following reasons:

1. The intended use is not allowed per the property Zoning.
2. This is the wrong area for a power plant to be built. Our residential area is just across the road. The risk of fire or explosion this close to a residential area is too great.
3. Fumes from the plants will cause health issues to local residents.
4. There most certainly WILL be diesel fuel spills which WILL contaminate our drinking water. You cannot mitigate all spills.
5. The close residential area and should not be subject to major construction noise, traffic, dirt, congestion, and pollution for 12 hours a day for seven years.

Would you approve this for your neighborhood?

We are looking to you to support our efforts to protect the pleasant livability of San Jose. We will be very disappointed to see the city council damage our livability level in order to favor a business.

Please keep me informed on any activity on this project and any help you can provide in protecting our environment and neighborhood.

Thank you,

Ken Hares

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