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Subject: Proposed Ground-Mounted Solar Collector Zoning

Members of the Commission:

I am requesting that the Commission postpone discussion of the proposed revision to the city's zoning ordinances for solar energy systems at its meeting on Tuesday and delay discussion of the ordinance until the Commission's meeting in early September. This will allow an open and transparent examination of the issues associated with the disappointing language in the draft ordinance that we have just learned a few days ago. Such proposed changes include a provision (2. Ground-Mounted SES) that directly contradicts assurances to the Brockman Boulevard neighborhood received from the Commission and the Council last December and January. We were told then that all were in agreement that these do not belong in front yards.

Our major concern is that the proposed regulations have the potential for disfiguring neighborhoods, turning them into unattractive industrial sites. Although we recognize and support the worthy goal of solar energy, the marginal generating capacity from front yards does not justify disfigurement. Taking up this proposal with no notice in mid-summer, when so many residents are out of town, is not in the public interest. In addition, the minutes and videos of Commission meetings after March 21 have not yet been made available online, and residents have not had a chance to see the record of the meetings from which the Commission has produced the ordinance. There are other issues for discussion in the draft ordinance, but our main point is to postpone deliberation of the ground-mounted SES issue to allow enough time for open discussion and full citizen participation.

Thank you for considering this request. **Please share this message with Planning Commission and add it to the public record of the meeting.**

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