Date: 08/10/2025

Petition #4661

Kane County Board Members,

Please vote no on this petition. I oppose this petition. My name is Sharon Wright, 12N268 Jackson Dr., Elgin, Il in West Highland Acres Subdivision. This location is vital farmland, which is currently producing soybeans/corn. The neighbors were shocked to hear that the reasons Timothy Meyers gave for going solar was due to ground erosion & low yielding crops. The crops have been fine year after year from what we all noticed. Please view the pictures attached. One of the neighbors stated that "if there was erosion it was caused by him the taking down the trees and stacking a huge amount of wood next to the creek." The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) • The site is currently in agricultural production and contains no identified wetlands within the project boundary. A small, unnamed creek is located along the southern edge of the parcel; however, this waterway will be fully avoided during construction and operation of the solar facility. All construction activities will occur outside of any buffer zones, and appropriate best management practices will be implemented to prevent sedimentation or disturbance to the creek. As no dredge or fill activities are proposed within jurisdictional waters, and because no wetlands are present onsite, a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is not required. • Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. The IPaC identified the potential for 6 endangered species, the Bald and Golden Eagles, and several migratory birds, as well as an experimental (nonessential) population of whooping crane (Grus americana) and the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (Platanhera leucophaea) as potentially occurring within the Project area. Did anyone from Kane County Zoning Board come and look at the site? Did anyone check his financials to prove he had low yielding crops? I believe in solar energy but in a brownfield land that isn't surrounded on three sides with residential homes who have well water. This site in Elgin is the wrong location for a commercial solar field.

Over forty residents have signed a petition opposing this commercial solar facility. Signed Petition was given to the zoning planner in a 7/15/25 letter from Jacquline Thompson. Residents are scared that our property values will decrease and for our safety. Safety from solar fires, emf, glare, contaminating our water with lead & Cadmium& tornado, microburst. You have heard testimony from our residents that Timothy Meyer does what he wants. Took trees down that weren't even his to cut down. He doesn't have a Facility operator. One that is a qualified solar power professional. A developer. A contract with ComEd. He is not a structural engineer per the Illinois Dept. of financial and professional regulation website as of 8/10/25. Tim

feels he can build and run this commercial solar facility with all his children. This is scary from our point of view. For the reasons I just given above this site maintenance and operation of the special use will be unreasonably detrimental and endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare. Doing the minimum requirements for the zoning application process per Natalie Zine – Zoning Planner at the development meeting on 7/15/25. We the residents are left to fill in the blanks. Example: Landscaping - maintenance when it comes to screening. No plan was giving to regular inspection & that dead trees are replaced immediately for the life of the facility. We are trusting you in the zoning board to protect us and our lands.

West Highland Acres Subdivision has another Commercial Solar Facility purposed to be built in our backyard. It is petition #4666 SV CSG WILSON SCHOOL SOLAR, LLC.(4666-17). My home will be flanked on two sides with commercial solar facilities; we are directly impacted. You can't ignore the totality of factors. Please consider this in your decision. The special use will be injurious to the use and enjoyment of all property in the immediate vicinity by our property values & safety (emf, fire, contaminating our water with lead & Cadmium, tornado, microburst)

Let's talk about the grand plan. Tim conveniently increased modules by adding 81 more & also changed the output to 6.25 MW (4661-39 submitted 7/30/25). This is not what the development board on 7/15/25 suggested for him to do. They said that he could move some panels to the south to give a better setback and discuss with the non-participating residences regarding screening options & setbacks and maybe come to an agreement. These changes made on his new plan are not what was told to the public on 7/1/2025 at the zoning board of appeals.

This is not the right location for a commercial solar facility!

Please vote **NO** to this petition!

Thank You,

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