

## Public Hearing Statement - Solar Farm Opposition

Good evening,

My name is Monica Jackson, and I live at [REDACTED], just behind the area under consideration for the proposed solar farm. I'm here to strongly oppose this development for several reasons, both personal and community-related.

First, I want to point out that I already have solar panels installed on my home. So, this project provides no personal benefit to me or many neighbors who have already made sustainable choices. Instead, this proposal brings direct negative impacts to my family and property.

We are deeply concerned about our property values. Turning farmland into an industrial solar site right behind residential homes can significantly reduce home appeal, especially for future buyers who don't want to look out at rows of panels and equipment.

In addition, our backyard currently has a tree line that provides a natural sound and visual barrier. If those trees are cleared, we'll be left exposed to the full sight and potential electrical noise of the system. Will there be a buzzing hum 24/7? How close will the inverters be? These are valid quality-of-life questions that haven't been clearly answered.

There's also concern that a road may be built directly behind our homes to access this site. That means increased traffic, loss of privacy, and more disruption - again, with no community benefit.

I also want to highlight something bigger happening nationally: the federal government is actively cutting solar funding. President Trump's administration and the Senate just passed a bill that would end key solar tax credits by the end of 2025. This means large-scale projects like this may no longer be financially supported - and it makes even less sense to push a development like this into a residential area while national policy moves in the opposite direction.

So I ask again: Why here? Why not use a commercial lot, industrial land, or other space not directly next to homes? Even the same landowner has acreage that doesn't back up to residential families.

Why not use that?

We're not against solar energy. We're against placing it irresponsibly.

Please take our concerns seriously. This project is not the right fit for this location.

Thank you.