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16.		Favor	A Pile	Please close the landfill or move it to somewhere else. The air is toxic. Children cannot play outside and I am developing frequent headaches and fatigue. Help!
			Alondra Alvarado	
			Amanda Watkins	
			Amy Knoles	I cannot believe that it has taken this long! I have been experiencing rashes, strange growths on my face and have fallen ill once a month with respiratory issues since August. The fact that this is listed as the 16th agenda item is shameful! I am a Val Verde Homeowner since 2000 (was promised that the landfill would be closing in 2008, but nope..you all let it go on and on, how much did they pay you I wonder?). I am Associate Dean of Music at CalArts, which is also feeling the effects and I have already begun discussions with our attorney's. I cannot go outside anymore near my beautiful house (with 5 lots that I purchased surrounding it, now poisoned, that was appraised at \$1million last year by 3 separate local realtors. I am about to retire and it looks like I will never be able to, unless you bureaucrats do you job and not only close it but clean it up!! We are putting together a new lawsuit to hold all government representatives accountable on a criminal and civil level. Get it done!
			Claudia Keymolent	Find a solution to the toxic air as soon as possible, before it gets into our water, as well! We can't do anything outside without the noxious air making us run back inside for fresh air. And close the landfill, please!
			Cynthia S Provinse	I am a Castaic Resident. The odor has now reached my neighborhood and it is sickening. Smells like rotten garbage, days old dog shit, and rotting flesh. I have lived here nearly 30 years. Please help
			Dawn M Miller	Hello, I live in Val Verde and have been greatly affected by the Chiquita Canyon landfill. I suffer almost daily with various symptoms, and have for close to two years now. Symptoms range from skin rashes to nerve pain to brutal headaches and so much more. The smell is awful and present more than it's not and it's gotten to the point where I can taste it and it just lingers, burning my throat, burning my eyes. Please, something has to be done to protect all of us from what's happening at the landfill.



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16.		Favor	Heather Skinner	EPA Finds Chiquita Canyon Landfill Presents Imminent and Substantial Endangerment to Nearby Communities. The toxic leak continues to get worse not better. It makes me nauseous gives me headaches. Effects my respiratory. Has made me dizzy. I fell several times. I have had rashes on my chest and arms about 2 years. Please close the dump! My neighbors have been getting sick as well some with serious life altering diseases. I feel I need to leave this area as soon as possible for health reasons, and my quality of life. I fear I won't be able to sell my house for what it's worth and I won't be able to afford to move someplace else. I don't wanna die slowly here of cancer or other blood diseases, etc. once paradise is now a horror movie. Thank you for your time Heather Skinner, and Valverde, California
			Karen Fury	Residents and surrounding areas are affected by this horrible smell, gas and fumes! Fans won't help! It will effect us and future generations. Landfill must be shut down!!!!
			Kelly Hanker	
			Lisa Eichman	This odor is impacting my health at my home and my business. I cannot keep my doors and windows open at my Valencia business due to the toxic odor.
			Luis J Flores	
			Meghan Frank	This needs to be addressed. The smell is so bad I can't even keep my window open or play outside with my child. The smell gives us headaches and nausea.
			Mellisa Juarez	The ongoing problem at the landfill is harming my family. We have experienced dizziness, bloody noses, headaches. Our basic human right to breathe fresh air has been taken from us. We can not open our windows for fresh air, we can not go outside and play or host gatherings because of the stench. Shut the landfill down now!
			Michael Sissoev	THE LANDFILL MUST BE SHUT DOWN. I AM HAVING HEALTH ISSUES FOR OVER A YEAR NOW. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW BAD IT IS IN VAL VERDE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. I'M IN WEST HILLS OFF OF COPPER HILL DRIVE, AND IT IS SO FUCKING STINKY MOST OF THE DAYS AND NIGHTS I CANNOT GO OUTSIDE. I HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT ARE BEING AGGRAVATED BY THE LANDFILL. CLOSE. IT. DOWN. FUCK THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL!!!!!!
			Michele Kelly	Since last October my daughter has become ill with non stop headaches while working outdoors. She says the smell is atrocious from Chiquita landfill. It is literally making her ill.
			Michelle Wiss	Shut it down! Harming our community and our health!



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16.		Favor	Ron Cunningham	I feel like my life is threatened living in my own home the e. P. A Already said that we're living in danger. Why won't you close it? Save our homes, save our lives, please.
			Sarah Phillips	The dump is a public health emergency. There are two elementary schools being majorly affected. Our quality of life is being affected. How many people have to get sick before you do something about it?
			Sarah Phillips	Please help the residents of Castaic. My main concern is the health of the people of Castaic. There a two schools being majorly affected. Children are on the playground daily breathing in the toxins. Our quality of life in our own homes is being impacted as well. We are constantly breathing in this toxic air. The smell is so bad that we cannot go outside or open our windows.
			Scott M Chisholm	We have a big problem with this landfill smell
			Scott R Scotto	This landfill is effecting our health. Needs to be shut down and residents compensated
			Susie Pyle	Toxic odor and air in Castaic
		Oppose	Titus H Humphrey	The smell is outta control. The desire to be outside is not what it used to be. Time will only tell the ramifications the polluted air from the landfill will have on our bodies.
			Angela Matheus	Please Close this down. We saved for our forever home and we cannot even enjoy it. We have 4 air purifiers going. The smell is so bad we have headaches and our eyes are burning. I have had bronchial issues now for 2 months.
			Christina C Orellana	
			Daryl L Kratz	Quit studying us, help us and close the dump. We are not lab rats
			Jay D	The landfill is negatively affecting health, ability of residents to use outdoor spaces, property value, and affecting the near schools. The health study underplays the various affects the landfill has on the community.
			Joe Steele	I oppose the efforts so far, shut it down
			Leticia Chang	The landfill is affecting my health and that of my family.



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16.		Oppose	Loraine Cuomo	I was gravely concerned about the expansion of the landfill in 2017 and health impacts to nearby neighborhoods. Once the BOS approved the expansion, we decided to move away from Hasley Canyon in Castaic to Newhall. The smell on Hasley Canyon Road/Cambridge Ave had been horrible and we knew it could not be good for us. What is happening with the recent explosion and fires is a health hazard and truly puts our whole community in jeopardy. I do not understand how new housing could be put in such close proximity to this landfill. It is unconscionable. And what is being done to monitor the impact to our water table? I am pro-business, but this business is negatively impacting the quality of life for our community, not only in air quality, but increased traffic and air pollution due to all the trash trucks going up the 5 freeway to Chiquita. It must be shut down!
			Michael D Griffy	Shut down the Chiquita Landfill!!! It is literally poisoning us and our children!! KIDS!
			Renee Erlenbach	Until you live in this stench, you cannot understand! I have lived in my home for 33 years and have NEVER smelled it this bad. Please, consider closing this site and relocating. Val Verde is a historical site and not to mention the cave that is within the landfill site that should be celebrated, not closed and covered in trash. Also, I believe the plastic liner that they are using, is completely unacceptable, not thick enough. Pond Liner is 45 mil. I can't believe (or maybe I can) that you put people's lives after the almighty dollar, no matter what political party you belong to! Would you live with this? Would you put your family here? Think long and hard about this question.
			Shirley Leiva	Oppose due to the health issues it has caused me and my family.



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16.		Oppose	Thomas Frohling	<p>The Chiquita Landfill is a health emergency. The toxic waste that the company is spewing in to the local areas is criminal, and I do not say that lightly. The emissions are above the threshold's that our Federal Government has set. The work by the landfill to mitigate the impact to our health is negligently tepid, at best. In researching the landfill I stumbled across information that the Landfill received Toxic Waste from the Santa Clara Waste Water Treatment facility in Santa Paula (37 treated after 'bizarre' chemical explosion in Santa Paula - Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)) (SCVNews.com Grand Jury, Feds Say Hazardous Materials Shipped to Chiquita Landfill 08-05-2019).</p> <p>How is it possible that AFTER this EPA violation the Chiquita Landfill use WAS EXTENDED IN APRIL OF 2017? Once the Grand jury's report was available in 2019 why was the Landfill not forced to close.</p> <p>The Chiquita Landfill's toxic gas emissions have forced me to cancel my life out of doors. On the days when the VOC's (as recorded by the Purple Air Monitors (Val Verde Air Monitoring Program, a Nonprofit Citizen Science Group Val Verde, Castaic, Valencia (vvamp.org)) are above 75 my wife (a two time cancer survivor) is unable to work outside because her asthma is too bad. After the VOC's reach above the 100 to 125 the odor from the toxic gases are too much. If I wanted to live at a dump site I would be a hog farmer. I worry that the toxic gases will have consequences on my life, both physical, mental, and financial. My wife is in daily fear that her cancer will reemerge – causing her panic and stress. My 26 year old son is showing signs of Asthma – problems he did not have until early last summer. There are some days when my boys cannot walk the family dog. And I am sure that the value of my home is decreasing daily.</p> <p>I would ask "Why is the Landfill still accepting waste? When will you actually protect the people that you are sworn to protect? When will you work for the people and NOT THE CORPORATIONS?"</p> <p>I understand that you need donations to thrive in a political environment, but there is a time and a place, this is the TIME to take care of your constituents.</p> <p>Somewhat respectfully Thomas Frohling</p>



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16.		Other	Abigail S DeSesa	I am writing to the LA County Board of Supervisors to state what you have allowed to go on in my town is inhuman. I am a 25-year resident of Val Verde Canyon in the town of Castaic. There is no test that is going to prove to you how much suffering you have caused the citizens of this town. The gases and chemicals we have been exposed to for over a year now would easily be used in war to disarm a large group of military soldiers. It causes depression, fatigue, pounding headaches, nausea, burning eyes, constricted throat, loss of balance, reduced brain function, heart palpitations, racing heart, tremors, and skin irritation to list a few. Our children are getting nosebleeds spontaneously. Each and every one of the Supervisors has a role in being responsible for this happening to the town of Castaic. This is the board that voted to expand and extend this landfill all while continuing to approve new building permit after building permit putting more lives at risk. Our health is gone, our quality of life is gone, our property value is gone, and our hope is gone all thanks to this board. Shame on LA County for continuing to have the audacity to charge us property tax for property we cannot safely use. Stop wasting so much money on all the testing and reports and help the people you have harmed! Enjoy your safe homes while we continue to take your trash.
			Amber Enzen	Discontinue efforts and shut down process should begin
			Amie Stumpf	The time to act is now. There has been so much redundant research done. The facts are there. This landfill is hazardous to the community and needs to be shut down and cleaned up. My family has suffered long enough. Please do something!
			Bernardo Arabalo	We need immediate relief from this situation. We live in Hasley Hills over two miles from the landfill yet it is destroying my families health. My wife and daughter are suffering with sickness from the gases. They enter our home, we have purchased large air filters just to help. WE NEED YOU TO HELP US. SHUT IT DOWN. How many times should it be allowed to violate the CUP and if the CUP doesn't matter than why is there one? HELP US.
			Breanna Sweeney	Help our community and close the landfill! This narrative of not shutting them down because the "new" trash isn't the problem, is an excuse to keep lining your pockets with money. If Chiquita Canyon Landfill mishandled the old site, what on earth makes you think they are properly handling the current sites? By keeping them open you are basically guaranteeing us to deal with the SAME problem again down the road! Violation after violation, lie after lie, shows they are incompetent and do not care about the health and wellbeing of their "neighbors". Quit making excuses, do your job and protect the people that put you in office! Show us that you actually care, instead of releasing statements patting yourself on the back saying "look what I did". It's not enough. DO MORE, DO BETTER.



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16.		Other	Cassandra Daly	Honestly so upset that this has happened to our community and some people don't even know. SCV is a community of families. I have two of my Own. We live in Valencia and the smell of sulfur is always around. Santa Clarita is a community that is booming but soon about to scare away people bc of this landfill. Understand you have to put it somewhere but this has to be moved bc of the leaking and not be taken care of. I am so upset of this and hope my children do not become effect. So upset with LA county on how all this has been handled. You are suppose to be protecting us.
			Cher L Arabalo	Dr. Love told us all that he did a study that the city paid for. He said that there is no threat to our long term health just a smell nuisance. He is wrong. The gases get into our homes. I bought an air monitor and there are sudden flares that happen and the pm 2.5 rating goes from a 1 into the hundreds, as high as 427 one night last week. Inside my house. We are sick, we are suffering and you do nothing to help us but meet, talk and study the situation. Meanwhile my daughter and I yesterday were nauseous, light headed, had migraines, could not really function. Where should we go? We cannot escape it even in our homes. We are telling you over and over to help us and you are not hearing us. We need help and we need it now not next month NOW. We need relief, SHUT IT DOWN and stop the problem. I beg of you.
			Danielle Caudillo	I'm a mom of 3 young kids. My youngest being 6 months, a 3 year old and an 8 year old. I fear for their long term health every day. We live 3 miles from the landfill and smell it on a daily basis. My 8 year old attends live oak elementary school where the smell is also noticeable on a daily basis. My 6 month old has had two ER visits in the last two months for a bloody nose. We are all suffering from burning eyes and coughs and fatigue. I have dizzy spells on a daily basis and was just diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that could have been triggered by being exposed to environmental toxins. Something needs to be done to protect our lives and more importantly our innocent children's lives. The landfill MUST be shut down.
			Dean Woolum	Chiquita canyon landfill has been an absolute nightmare. Constant bloody nose and head aches. Difficult being outside and the odor is even entering our home. We have air purifiers in almost every room to counter it. Why is this happening? Why are we allowing this to continue? I've never felt more frustrated and helpless. My child stays inside class room for recess due to it. WHEN WILL THERE BE CHANGE!?!? Complete negligence on their end. I bet if Barger lived here it would've been shut down ASAP.
			Dumitru Zah	The smell got unbearable. Sometimes I can't even get out on the patio, I have to stay indoors. That's not cool



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16.		Other	Eliza Del Valle	Close it down! As a resident of Castaic, my family's health has been affected. My son has asthma and has had a cough that he cannot get rid of for the last 3 months. The smell is horrible and it happens all day every day. We purchased our home in 2003. We are proud homeowners and are prisoners in our own home. We cannot go outside or open our windows on most days.
			Elizabeth Jeffords	Close the landfill. No more need for data checks or updates. We have enough sick people and those reports trump any other data reports you could doctor and water down. Chiquita will not take immediate action to fix the issues if they are operating at full capacity. Close it down at least temporarily until my headaches, nausea, tinnitus, tremors, fatigue and sicknesses stop!!!! Stop abusing your constituents and stop abusing our rights to breathe! I need to get back to living my life, I need to get back to my work and I need to sleep peacefully in my own home.
			Elizabeth Melanson	Please listen to the people of the surrounding areas of the Chiquito Canyon landfill. Please shut it down immediately. We are trapped in our own homes because of the toxic orders from the landfills. The chemicals are causing many health problems. Breathing problems, bloody noses, stuff noses constantly, headaches. I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and NO history of cancer in my family. The smell is horrible. We can not go outside for walks or enjoy the outdoors in our yards. We can't open our doors or windows for fresh air. This has got to stop! This is impacting thousands of residents in SCV. We can not continue to live like this. It's not a life. Please shut them down immediately. What if this was affecting you or your family? Our health and our children and grandchildren health are at risk. Thank you for your time.
			Elizabeth Perez	Shut it down!! I really hope the Board of Supervisors listens to their constituents and recognize the incredible pain it's causing, the residents of Castaic. We live in fear- unable to go outside for the fear of breathing toxic gases. Since September of 2023 I've been sick with terrible allergies and headaches that won't go away. What hurts me the most is my son coming home from school Live Oak Elementary School and says he smells the putrid smell of the Landfill almost every day. Close the dump!!!!!! We don't deserve this!!!



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			Faidh Wilsin	. We members of Castaic, Val Verde, Williams Ranch, 5 Points, many of us are being affected either at home, work, or school stop "wasting" time researching, and shut the landfill down! We need EVERYONE who works at the landfill to be working on solving this problem. landfill gasses of Benzene, H2S, Acetone, and Methane are affecting our health and, more importantly, our children's health. Their lungs are still developing and these gasses are terrible for them. Plus we now have been told that the Leachate with Benzene has made it



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			Gerardo Ruelas	I have lived in Val Verde since 1976. Never has my family or I had to deal with this awful stench that we have been dealing with the last 4 years. (the worst being this last year) Initially it was the citrusy spoiled smell but now this is outright outrageous. this all started after the expansion & Extension were grated. I cannot believe that money is more valuable then human life. I hope you come to you're senses and realize that action has to be taken. This isn't about money, Close down Chiquita Canyon Landfill.
			Heather Evans	Close the landfill immediately! No need for more studies. Families and their health are suffering.
			JEFF BARKER	As a member of the Santa Clarita Valley community, and specifically, a Val Verde resident, I feel completely neglected and ignored by the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS). We live at the east end of Hunstock St, less than 1/2 a mile from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL). It is a RARE occasion when our lives ARE NOT impacted by the horrendous, toxic and sickening odors, which are constantly emanating from CCL. My poor asthmatic wife, can barely make it from our front door to our car, without becoming nauseated from the odors surrounding, and often penetration our home. We have four air purifiers

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constantly running inside our home, and often the odors can still be detected within our home. Leaving doors or windows open, to allow fresh air into our house, is no longer an option for us.

We have mistakenly placed our trust in the BOS, to protect our health, safety and the quality of life for our families and fellow residents. Pleas for help and support have gone unanswered for months, if not years.

CCL has been issued several citations from various government agencies, such as the AQMD and The Department of Toxic Substances Control. CCL has been issued no less than five "Class 1" citations for shipping mislabeled hazardous waste to a non hazardous waste disposal site. One would think that these five citations, along with the thousands of citizen's complaints to the AQMD, as well as the numerous Notices of Violation (NOV's), issued by the AQMD to CCL, would be ample evidence to compel The County to shut down the CCL. Were this any other business, which did not contribute to the coffers of The County Government, such business would certainly be shut down, post haste.

Most recently, a CCL employee was injured, and sent to the local emergency hospital, while working, after hours, in the dark of night, in an attempt to pump toxic "leachate", from on-site storage containers, into a tanker truck. It seems strange that such an important part of remedying this situation can only be performed in the dead of night.

The communities trust in CCL and the BOS has been completely lost. For the BOS to allow the CCL to continue to operate business as usual, further demonstrates the lack of concern, if not utter contempt, felt by the BOS towards this community. CCL has shown, beyond all doubt, its inability to control the current reaction of materials, contained within the landfill itself, yet they continue to collect, and bury, more and more domestic refuse on a daily basis.

I, and many of my fellow residents, believe that CCL needs to be shut down permanently, or at least as to such a time that its operation no longer poses a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens of our community.

Endless meetings and self serving studies, by CCL, are not the answer to this problem. the recent report, from the EPA, contradicts the data supplied from CCL, and the "independent" investigation performed by the BOS. The BOS need to take action, and the time for action is now.

Jennifer Elkins

Joanna Dmytryszyn

Concern for the health of my 3 month old daughter.
If we are having these health issues, afraid of what is doing to her.

Johanne Ross

The smells are horrible.
Since living here for the last 6 months; I have experienced headaches and



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	allergies. It's a huge health factor!
Kerry Frohling	I request you close Chiquita Canyon Landfill because it is an "imminent danger" to my family and community as stated by the EPA.
Laisa Carrillo	Shut it down!!!
Leticia Avila	Shut it down my family and my health are being impacted by the toxic fumes being expelled into the air causing migraines and nose, bleeds. I can't enjoy the outdoors gardening or enjoying my backyard barbecuing gatherings with family because of the smell that gives me headaches. I can't even enjoy going hiking up the park trails because it makes it difficult to breathe in that bad order.
Leticia M Woolum	I have now been a resident going on 5 years here in Castaic. Within the last 2 1/2 years my household has experienced many of the following symptoms such as depression, fatigue, pounding headaches, nausea, burning eyes, constricted throat, loss of balance, reduced brain function, heart palpitations, racing heart, tremors, skin , asthma, allergies, inflammation of nose and throat. I couldn't understand why myself along with my husband and 6 year old son were experiencing all of these symptoms so close to one another with no period of brakes in between sometimes. Surely this wasn't all related to Covid I spent hours in urgent care for myself, and my son being provided with oxygen and liquid albuterol to help with what I know now to be our air quality. I'm very grateful for the community here comparing stories and talking amongst one another to put together the puzzle pieces and help me understand that it was our very own leaders of LA county causing such havoc in my life. I'm angry, irritated, upset, and most of all heartbroken that we have to live this way. it's not as easy as you make it sound to just move from the location that we are living in the economy. Most of us are stuck in these living conditions. The landfill has hurt our property values all the while LA county continuing to sell land in the area to other. SHUT DOWN Operations, and fix the mess that you've made!!!! Something must be done said
Lorena Galicia	Close this Chiquita Canyon landfill down! Two hazmat incidents in 60 days clearly shows this facility is a threat to the surrounding communities and environment. A change in management WILL NOT resolve the issue. This facility is not a good partner.
Martha Simmonds	Val Verde and Castaic residents have become increasingly ill. We are like lab rats being poisoned every day, trapped because we can no longer sell our homes. You have all signed our death certificates.
Michele Starr	Please take action and shut down the landfill. It is poisoning the greater SCV community. Please put people's lives above everything else. People are sick as far out as Valencia and beyond. Families are being impacted everyday and we don't know the life long health impacts. Sadly my family has already made the decision to move out of SCV because we want to protect our children (and ourselves) from any further damage. We would not be moving otherwise because this is our home and our kids love their schools and the



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	friendships they have made. This is also causing a financial hardship for our family. Someone needs to be held responsible for what is happening at the landfill and shut it down immediately and save this community. There are so many suffering everyday that live closer to the landfill than us. Thank you.
Michelle Humphrey	This has to stop! People are getting sick and the stench is unbearable. My friends can't even take their young children outside to play in fresh air! Please, please make this stop!
Michelle Maga	We moved to Castaic from the mountains approximately four years ago. At that time we never noticed the horrific smell that now comes our direction depending on the wind. It is overwhelming and sickening at times. The landfill is doing nothing to mitigate this in my opinion. Fines and penalties do not seem to be solving anything. If they can't fix it they need to be shut down. There's far too much research being done and everyone is dragging their feet or passing the buck. Children's health and adults health are all affected. Property values drop. It is uncomfortable to work outdoors and that is one of the reasons we bought our larger property. We spend a lot of time in the pool in the summer and I garden. It is just obnoxious sometimes. Please do something!
Pam Melius	Landfill is making my family sick. I have an elderly parent (94) who is suffering from the stench with daily headaches as well as other family members. The smell is horrific. We had such a lovely community before this obnoxious odor has taken over our quality of life. We don't know the extent of the damage this is causing us. Please help us.
Randahl Elkins	
Raquel C Arabalo	SHUT IT DOWN! IT is killing us. We need help immediately.
Raye M Diaz	Please do more to listen to the needs of the community. Chiquita Canyon Landfill is affecting our quality of life and our overall mental and physical health.
Rebecca Christiansen	Shut it down and clean it up.
Renee Wachter	I would like to move away from the landfill because of the symptoms me and my family are experiencing but I do not have the money to move and I also do not know how far away I need to go to not be affected. Can we get testing ASAP that shows the air quality in the surrounding cities compared to Castaic to see how far away I need to go please? Dr. Love made it seem like the high Methane levels that cause cancer are too high almost everywhere in LA. Are they that high on the opposite side of Santa Clarita also? Thank you so much for your help!
Ridney Cash	I have cancer. After two operations I'm on chemo drugs. Did it come from the landfill? The smell is horrible. I do not leave my house anymore because I'm afraid of the exposure to more toxic chemicals. We cannot open our windows during the summer. We buy bottled water for drinking and cooking. We are afraid to drink the water. What is really happening in the landfill that I need to fear? I have two young children. What is it doing to their health? How long do we have to wait before I know.



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Robert A Voets	Please shut down due to health and environmental issues
Ryann Diaz	My family and I moved here 3 years ago because we really loved the city and how peaceful it was. Now I and my family have become prisoners in our own home unless we go out of our city! I can't take my kids to the park because within minutes we are all getting nauseous from the toxic gases. My children cannot play outside in the yard of their own home due to the toxic gases. I have been dealing with headaches almost daily due to the toxic gasses! Time to take action instead of just doing study after study! The people of this city have definitely spoke , please stop ignoring us and close the dump! You don't represent Chiquita canyon landfill, you represent the residents!
Sandy J London-Gedalje	The gases being emitted are further negativity affecting the heath of my daughter with chronic illnesses. She is already disabled and has been reporting to us a worsening of some symptoms.
Santa Clarita Organization for Planning SCOPE	While we are happy that the entire Board will not be informed about this horrific event occurring at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, we remind the Board that we asked for air monitoring results in the EIR BEFORE the landfill expansion was approved in 2017 and that a water quality monitoring well be included as a condition of approval. We believe some of these issues could have been avoided if good disclosure was required and a water quality monitoring well had been required. Someone needs to investigate the manifests to see what was dumped at this landfill that started this reaction. It was NOT due to the rain. We have had this much rain in the past and it never caused a reaction. Something was dumped into this landfill that shouldn't have been, and it started this reaction. It must be investigated.
Sarah Wierman	Close the landfill! Two years ago, my husband and I purchased our biggest investment... Our home in Hasley Canyon. The current and ongoing incident at the landfill and the proposed expansion are not only affecting the value of our home, but more importantly the health and well-being of my family. My children suffer headaches, nausea and dizziness and my oxygen levels have been dropping into the mid 80's on days when the landfill gases are notable in our area. We have also had burning, watering eyes on those days. I worry about how this is affecting the long-term health of my children and if it will shorten our life spans or give us cancer. It's time to consider your constituents and not put the mighty dollar first. It's time to close the Chiquita Canyon landfill!
shane weeks	
Sheila Thomas	Please help Castaic from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill it's affecting everyone and making so many sick. We need help right now. PLEASE HELP US !!!
Stacey Williams	SEE PUBLIC COMMENTS BELOW
Tara Manly	I am writing to you to share my experience with the toxic environment created by the landfill. I live in Castaic with my family. The odor and toxic air have become increasingly worse. We are prisoners in our homes, unable to go out for walks because of the horrible odor and risk to our health. The odors are



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	<p>sometimes so bad we can't even escape them in our homes and have to run the air conditioner consistently to try to remove the odors. Our health is also affected. My entire family is suffering from migraines, breathing problems, sinus swelling and nose bleeds. I have also been struggling with unexplained neuropathy which can be extremely painful. I beg you to take action and force the landfill to clean up this mess and help the residents of castaic and Val verde before it's too late.</p>
Thomas Pugh	<p>I'm a Val Verde resident. Benzene is poison. CC Landfill is leaching the poison benzene into the air and into the ground water. The landfill is poisoning my family. Close it down immediately. If you do not, LA County of Supervisors will be held liable/culpable and that will be extremely expensive.</p>
Thomas E Campbell	<p>My wife and I are both in our 80's and have lived in the Hasley Hills area of Castaic for twenty-two years. Our house is about 2 miles from the landfill and in the path of the prevailing westerly winds. For the past several months, foul odors from the landfill have restricted our outdoor activities on most days. Our health has also been affected; my wife in particular has suffered from persistent congestion and a cough that has lasted since Thanksgiving and seems to be getting worse with each day. We are deeply concerned for our health and for the value of our property and that of our neighbors.</p>
Timothy G Trotter	<p>CLOSE THE DUMP.AKA CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL. THE BOS HAS NO CONSCIENCE TO LET THIS CONTINUE. QUIT WRITING LETTERS TO CRONIES POINTING THE FINGER. QUIT PAYING OUR MONEY FOR SLANTED STUDIES. CLOSE THE DUMP UNTIL THE LEAK IS FULLY REMEDIATED. IF IT WAS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IT WOULD BE CLOSED. CLOSE THE DUMP. I'M SICK.OF THE HEADACHES, APATHY, HOSTILITY, FATIGUE, BURNING EYES, SORE THROAT, NAUSEA, EARSCHRS, CONFUSION THE DUMP IS CAUSING. AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE THE LYING MGMT IS COVERING UP. THEY ARE CROOKS. YOU ARE CROOKS.CLOSE THE DUMP</p>
Tracy Wagner	<p>I am a disabled veteran suffering greatly due to the toxic waste coming from the Chiquita, Canyon Landfill. My children are sick and miss a lot of school due to nose bleeds headaches tremors breathing issues. We can't open windows we can't go outside. Need help asap!</p>
Vince Cantella	<p>When will Los Angeles County close Chiquita Canyon Landfill? It's time Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors take the necessary action to close Waste Connections' Chiquita Canyon Landfill and not request more reports, studies and briefings. Enough evidence exists to show that Waste Connections' Chiquita Canyon Landfill cannot operate safely. All one has to do is read the EPA, AQMD, and Department of Toxic Substances Control safety reports and note all the violations.</p> <p>My wife and I have been Val Verde residents for well over 25 years and live in the President Streets area (Tier 1 per LA County). This last year has been horrendous with exposure to various odors and toxins and the lack of use of our home's exterior. Complaints are in the thousands!! As I'm writing this, this morning (2/27) the AQMD confirmed today's complaint (375794) as a Level 5 which is the worst on the scale used.</p>

				<p>When I attend the monthly meetings, I continue to hear this is “short term”, just “short term”. What exactly does that mean? My wife and I are both retired and in our mid-70s. We’ve lost a year dealing with this nightmare. Our idea of “short term” is much different than yours’. What about the health effects? Since we moved here my wife is a 2-time cancer survivor. We’re concerned that the landfill could have been a contributing factor! In one of the recent monthly meetings Dr. Quick was talking about needing long term studies to really determine cause and or connection to the landfill situation. The thought that jumped into my mind during this was “this is just like Agent Orange”!! Do we really need 30-50 years’ worth of studies to determine there’s a problem?</p> <p>When will Los Angeles County close Chiquita Canyon Landfill? It’s about time Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors take the necessary action.</p> <p>Vincent and Frances Cantella</p>
			Yasmina Valdivia	
			Yela Dirlam	<p>This is out of control.</p> <p>There are days when we cannot even be outside, and I am a couple miles outside Val Verde. Other days, my eyes start to water and my nose runs. STOP researching and shut it down. After nearly a year and over 7500 complaints, how much more research do you need? You know what needs to be done to protect the public. DO IT! PLEASE!</p>
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Enough is enough! Shut it down!

Protect the residents of Val Verde, the surrounding neighborhoods, and the students at our schools. Close the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and hold them accountable for the damage they have caused. Clean up the toxic mess. The people have a right to clean air!

-Randahl Elkins

2/26/24

Homeowner affected by Chiquita Landfill orders and toxic chemicals

I am a homeowner in the Hillcrest area of Castaic. My family has been suffering physically and mentally from the terrible odors and toxic chemicals from the Chiquita Landfill. We cannot spend time in our beautiful backyard that we worked so hard and invested so much money into. We are suffering from headaches, respiratory issues and flares to our autoimmune conditions.

Our home value is being affected. We are trapped because we cannot sell at this time due to the high interest rates. My family's health is top priority and I am desperate to find wellness for us all.

Please - for the health and well being of families like ours and our community - CLOSE Chiquita Landfill and offer relocation assistance to families like ours.

Thank you,
Heather Evans

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

The Chiquita Canyon Landfill, its toxic gasses, Leachate, and dilapidated facilities have destroyed my community. We are forced to keep our windows closed in a desperate attempt to block out the volatile organic gasses; we've seen our health deteriorate, and our homes devalued to devastating lows. Chiquita Canyon Landfill has failed to maintain their facilities and follow the regulations to protect their neighbors, my community.

According to the EPA, there have been multiple times when Benzene gas levels have exceeded what is considered safe. They have found gas wells that were in disrepair or fixed with duct tape. They also found toxic, hazardous levels of Leachate escaping from Chiquita Canyon Landfill's property. Recently, a hose filled with Hydrogen Peroxide burst, severely harming an employee and causing community concerns that there might be an explosion. Fear was rampant in our community because we have learned not to trust our not so good neighbor, Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

This is a real harm to the health of the Val Verde, Castaic, and surrounding communities. Our children, whose lungs are still developing, study and play outside in these toxic VOCs. Air sample grabs have shown gasses of Methane, H₂S, Acetone, and Benzene above safe levels. Now there's Leachate getting into the Santa Clara riverbed. Chiquita is not taking proper care of their equipment and facilities to prevent this from happening.

I request you close Chiquita Canyon Landfill. It is your job to protect our health. As per the EPA'S report, our community, and our children are in imminent danger. You have the power to close the dump. It is literally it is your job to protect our health!

SINCERELY,

KERRY FROHLING

Katheryn Barger right her wrong.

I'm a resident of Hasley Hills and have been bedridden with debilitating headaches, nausea, vertigo, and ear pressure for over a year straight.

I have voiced my concern, frustration and need for immediate help to the BOS office many times and I've yet to see anything come of it.

I am sick, my pets are sick. We are prisoners in our own home and terrified of what's to come.

Doctors don't know what to diagnose or to prescribe. They've never seen my conditions before and can only offer sympathy and well wishes. No prescribed medication has helped. It's evident the medical professionals are aware there is a local health issue but have no clue as to how to treat it.

I've only received insincere sympathy from the BOS office and La County entities, tons of excuses and too many pointing of fingers in another direction.

It's been a cat and mouse game since I made the connection btwn my sudden illnesses and the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

Since receiving their letter on my door step in August 2023, I have been painfully made aware that my basic human right to live and breathe in my own home was being denied.

The letter admitted to a Toxic Leak and verified my home address qualified for a free air purifier issued by the landfill.

The letter demanded a full address, name and phone number for registration. I found this to be intrusive and with a possible hidden agenda. Why had they not delivered the air purifier with the letter?

Earlier that morning (before seeing the letter) for the first time ever, I smelled it. I abruptly woke just before sunrise to the most foul chemically induced odor I've ever experienced in my life. We had slept every night with the bedroom windows wide open since purchasing our forever home and this day, the smell was so strong that I instinctively knew to get up and close the windows and patio door immediately.

While my family slept peacefully, I worried about what it could be but later shrugged it off as a one off event.

That day I learned of an entity called SCAQMD. Neighbors from all over had posted a phone number to call in the odor complaint. I was in shock!

The next day I drove all the way to West La just to get to the closest Dyson store.

I purchased a carbon air filter unit which cost me over \$1300.00.

The largest size they had only covered half my house.

Days later, barely able to breathe and certainly not well enough to drive to work, I crawled my way out of the house and headed down the hill to the fire station for the “free” air filter.

I was disappointed they were so tiny and only were meant for 300 sqft of enclosed space.

I have an open concept home @3400 sqft of living space. Why and how would I decide whose bedroom or bathroom would get it?

I asked for additional units and was denied.

“One per household”, is what I was told.

I placed my name on a list for the notification of the second wave.

Never received another notification from the landfill.

I did call the landfill myself several times and always got an out of state message taker. Never a call back.

Recently, through the advice of other community members, I decided to call the landfill again. I was extremely ill, I couldn’t sleep and was at my wits end. I demanded a call back this time and I believe because I was in tears and had nothing to lose, I did get that call back.

I had a lengthy conversation with a woman named Nicole who stated she had no knowledge of anyone getting sick from the landfill, no employees were sick, and she repeatedly stressed “we are doing all things we were told to do”. The conversation wasn’t going anywhere and actually taking a turn for the worse. It became evident to me that she had been coached into what and what not to say. I ended that call and vowed never to waste my time in calling back again.

Fast forward to today, I am reflecting on everything I’ve done or could’ve done.

I recycle, I reuse, I don’t support fast fashion, I even compost!

I’ve been composting way before the city mandate and the issue of those hideous bins!

I am reflecting on the hundreds of hours of my precious life spent curled up in bed in tears thinking what have I done to deserve this?

“I just need to rest”, “tomorrow I will feel better”,

“I overdid it today in the garden”, “why did I think I could cut my own grass?”

“I shouldn’t have eaten that salad, that must be why I have stomach pains and diarrhea every day?”

Every day for the past 2 years or more??? I’ve lost track of the last time I felt well.

The last time I smiled, laughed, was genuinely happy. I’m in a prison. It’s very beautiful inside, but a prison nonetheless.

I’ve spent thousands of dollars on tests, medical professionals and medical bills, lotions and holistic approaches, herbs, home remedies, otc allergy meds, food eliminations, strict diets and insane limitations. My skin is inflamed. My blood is dirty.

Most days, I feel like I need to be on respirator, in a wheelchair, and a calming bath all at once.

It's criminal to find out I have been being poisoned by the landfill the entire time I thought I was "resting" at my home.

Not even during the mandatory lock down of the pandemic did I feel so trapped.

My husband and I spent our entire life's savings to buy this home. I love it and the day we viewed it I told my husband, "If we buy this house, I will never ever ask you for anything ever again, not even a vacation!". Boy did I put my money where my mouth was. The irony.

I've never had any intention of leaving it until I found out about this landfill.

Everything and everyone I love is inside my home already.

Now, leaving is the only thing I can think of.

I am forced to leave my home every single day just to breathe.

I must pack up my family including my pups and for a minimum of (5) hours a day, I have to ensure we are out of the immediate area.

Otherwise, we suffer from great physical consequences. My symptoms include: vomiting, coughing, burning eyes, blurred vision, excruciating ear pressure, nausea, bloody nose, skin irritation, hair loss, muscle weakness, disorientation, ringing in ears, swelling, weight gain, tremors, internal vibrations, teeth grinding, jaw locking, misalignment of jaw, sensation of being on a rocking boat, diarrhea, stomach cramping, chest pain, heart palpitations, trouble breathing, etc. I could go on forever.

My dogs suffer daily as well. I've seen the tremors so bad that their entire body lifts off the floor. The vertigo so bad they randomly walk sideways. There is also the obvious, not being able to be dogs! Their time outside is limited to 2 minutes per day. They are randomly vomiting out of nowhere and constantly have stomach issues no matter what they eat. In fact the vomiting is just clear liquid. They have difficulty breathing at night especially and the sneezing which is constant (day and night) is quite scary to observe. The violent sneezing gives whip lash and averages between 5-8 in a row. My dogs weigh a combination of 11 lbs. combined; I have to rush to secure their necks during the sneezing attacks. They are 12 and 13 years old and lived with us for the same. Each day I fear may be the last. Every 52 days equals a full year in a dog's life. How many more years are you robbing from us? The vet that they've been going to since they were pups can't figure it out and all we get are expensive rounds of antibiotics that do not work.

I've run out places to go.

I've run out of money to get there.

I am suffering now from the anxiety of having to come back home every day.

I want my bed and the comforts of everything that makes my house a beautiful home BUT, I want it without the toxic air that hovers over it!

Katheryn Barger's office has received hundreds if not thousands of health reports and complaints from local residents over the years and she has done nothing about it. I know for a fact there are dozens just from me!

What alarms me the most about her is finding out that instead of shutting this landfill down when it was contracted to close, she approved for the expansion of it. She has done nothing to prevent unsuspecting young families from moving into this mess either.

This whole disaster could have been avoided if she and the other powers that be just obeyed the law.

There is no way Los Angeles County approved the expansion of the landfill or the massive amount of new building permits surrounding the landfill without her signature.

We now have an environmental disaster, and many people are now stuck with million dollar mortgages and astronomical property tax bills for a property they can't even be in.

You can't put a price on your health.

Our Health is our wealth and putting us in the middle of a known toxic environment, she is an accomplice of crime. Whether I paid \$200.00 or \$2million for my property, I deserve to be able to breathe in it!

Never In my wildest dreams would I have imagined I'd have to decide between my health, safety, well-being and the American dream.

Close the landfill. No more need for data checks or updates. We have enough sick people and those reports trump any other data reports you could doctor and water down. Chiquita will not take immediate action to fix the issues if they are operating at full capacity. Close it down at least temporarily until my headaches, nausea, tinnitus, tremors, fatigue and sicknesses stop!!!! Stop abusing your constituents and stop abusing our rights to breathe!

I need to get back to living my life, I need to get back to my work and I need to sleep peacefully in my own home.

-Elizabeth Jeffords

Dear Board,

We have lived in Castaic 5 years now and have loved being a part of this community. We have never thought of leaving until this issue with the landfill started last year. We are very concerned for our safety, the safety of our three young children, and our pets. There are days the smell is so terrible, no one can be outside. We cannot plan to have family or friends over because we never know how the air will be that day. It is sad and aggravating, to say the least. We have never considered leaving but we have been discussing it more recently. There is no transparency as to what exactly is in the air and how toxic it actually may be. Is it really worth our health to keep living here and hope that some day this all gets resolved? By then, it may be too late for all of us as the damage will have already been done. We are put in a very difficult situation, not just us but all the communities affected. Many of us cannot afford to just pick and move, with housing prices and interest rates so high. We are beyond frustrated and we need this resolved ASAP!

Luis and Kellyn Flores

Kathryn Barger is advocating for the landfill to remain open. Why? The residents of Val Verde are suffering! Why is a big corporation more important than the residents who live here? Stop choosing profit over people! I fear for my children's lives on a daily basis. Will they get sick again today? Will they be safe at school? Are we safe in our own home? Will there be long term health effects? Will the landfill explode or catch fire and take us out with it? These are real concerns that my neighbors and I worry about every single day.

Barger has requested that the landfill issue air filters to the residents. We have received those air filters and they do not help, not even a little. We do not breathe any easier and our symptoms still persist. The air quality continues to get worse and we still do not have answers or any type of solution.

Barger has requested that more testing be done for toxins in the air and potential health concerns. We do not need more testing. We do not need more data. That does not help the people NOW. We are the data. We do have health concerns, they are not potential. My children and I are experiencing frequent headaches, burning eyes, nose bleeds, hives all over our bodies that cannot be explained. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. For a year this has continued! This is not living. This is abuse!

Barger has asked that the residents be reimbursed for their electric bills, which included only a few months out of the year of 2023. While this gesture was welcomed and appreciated, it isn't enough. We are running our AC 24/7 to filter out the toxic air. This issue has been going on for almost a year, with no end in sight. Our house runs on solar. We normally get money back from the energy

we produce with our solar panels. That did not happen this year. We are paying out of pocket because all of the solar energy was used up to run our AC. Nobody is reimbursing us for our solar energy. Not to mention, any money that residents are given for reimbursement, they are taxed on. Why are we being taxed on money that was ours to begin with, that we were already taxed on?!

Barger called on the landfill to relocate residents. Why now? We've been asking for this from the beginning. Is it because elections are coming out and she hopes we will vote for her? The damage is already done. People are already sick. My children have already been put at risk.

Also, why should we have to move? Why are we paying for the landfill's mistakes? Relocation may remove us from the toxic gasses, which I welcome, but what about the stresses of uprooting my family? What about my children who attend school here, are involved in sports and dance, have friends here? What about my animals? Where are we supposed to go? And for how long? My husband and I moved here because Val Verde is unique. You can actually see the stars at night because this town isn't polluted with light. It's hidden between giant hills. There's wildlife and trees, the people are friendly and truly care about each other. It's peaceful. The schools are great and highly rated. You're far enough from the main town to feel like you're out in the country, yet we have access to stores and restaurants and entertainment within a 10 minute drive. You can't find anywhere else like it in Los Angeles. The landfill has taken all of this away from us. We thought we were making a better life for our children, but instead we have all been put in harms way and nobody is protecting us! This is a nightmare situation!

The landfill should have never been approved to have their contract extended. They should have closed down years ago. It is very clear that Chiquita Canyon Landfill has been mismanaged for a very long time. Kathryn Barger should have never approved to extend the landfill's contract, but she did. Kathryn Barger, LA county, and Chiquita Canyon Landfill have shown negligence and disregard for human life. The Chiquita Canyon Landfill should be shut down and cleaned up immediately, so that the beautiful town of Val Verde can begin to heal and move forward.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Elkins

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
February 27, 2024

I have lived in Val Verde since the mid 1980's. Over the last 10 years we have only heard lip service and lies from LA County and the dump (Chiquita Canyon Landfill) about the smells coming from the dump.

I have not wanted to move out of Val Verde until now. I can't though. My house is not worth what I paid for it because of the dump that you allowed to expand, and you allowed to continue to operate and spew toxic chemicals into the town.

I haven't driven my truck more than in and out of my driveway because of how my body is reacting to the toxins spewing out of the dump since last year.

I haven't worked on the restoration of my 1972 Chev truck, that I bought brand new, since last year.

I haven't been able to mow my lawn, that I am proud to show and tell about, unless I smell test the air outside and check the purple air monitors. I had people stopping by my house to admire my front yard with the green grass and flowers.

How can you live with yourselves knowing what you approved is physically and financially injuring your constituents. We don't dare go outside or we will physically suffer to the point of going to the ER or First Care. I (Daryl) haven't driven since the beginning of this disaster other than to move my truck in and out of the driveway. We are physically ill with all kinds of maladies. We are retired and have not been able to do what we planned to in our retirement years because of the toxins that we breathe in inside our closed garage and house, let alone outside.

Close it now. Fix it now. Before the entire town is dead, critically injured, or physically and permanently disabled.

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#16 Report on Health Study, Mitigation Efforts and State and Federal Response to Chiquita Canyon Landfill Incident

It is absolutely amazing that this landfill has not been closed. The fact that Ms. Barger has signed a 10 year lease knowing how bad local residents have suffered, what in the world is she and the County thinking, besides profits?

The landfill organization should be under 24/7 surveillance with the option for all residents of SCV to see live video feeds of the landfill at all times. No one in the community believes a word they say, nor do they give enough information to the residents.

One can imagine the County and landfill owners will be inundated with lawsuits, and maybe neither cares, but I don't know who in their right mind would want that on their conscience.

SHUT IT DOWN, please

Buenas tardes a todos! Mi Nombre en Yasmina Rios Valdivia soy residente de Val Verde por 47 años. Gracias por estar aquí unidos con una meta de cerrar chiquita canyon landfill para siempre. Mi familia y yo hemos sido afectados de salud desde cancer, problemas respiratorios, enfermedades crónicas intestinal, ansiedad, alergias, palpitaciones, insomnio y muchas más. Chiquita nos está robando de nuestra salud, nuestra paz, nuestra tranquilidad y de nuestras vidas. Todos los días vivimos con dolores de cabeza, náusea, ardor de garganta, nariz, palpitaciones, ardor de ojos, antiedad y depresión. No podemos disfrutar de nuestros hogares porque estamos prisioneros en nuestras casas que con tanto logro y esfuerzo hemos comprado, porque el holor es

insoportable y mas Al saber que estamos respirando y injiriendo gases toxicos y químicos que traen serias consecuencias a la salud. Tenemos que tener puertas y ventanas cerradas y aún así se penetra ese holor y gases por toda la casa. Ya no podemos disfrutar de nuestras casa, el sueño Americano, se nos a derrumbado. Val Verde es donde queremos retirarnos y disfrutar de nuestra vejez. Todos nuestros ahorros están invertidos en nuestra propiedad. No es fácil para re localizar, que esto costaría bastante dinero, y dinero que no tenemos. Yo y toda mi familia tenemos raíces en Val Verde desde mis padres, hermanos, hijos y ahora nietos.

No sabemos que está en nuestra aqua, que tomamos, cocinamos y nos duchamos. Solo sabemos que chiquita canyon landfill nos está

**matando! No mas, No mas toxinas!!
No más chiquita landfill!! Chiquita
canyon landfill nos está matando!!
Que no les importa nuestra salud??
La salud de los niños? Nuestras vidas
importa! Nosotros tenemos el
derecho de respirar aire limpio. Todos
unidos para cerrar chiquita canyon
landfill para siempre!! Chiquita
canyon landfill nos está matando!!
No permitan más toxinas!! Gracias.**

02.26.2024

To LA Board of Supervisors

The Chiquita Landfill is polluting Santa Clarita. I thought I lived far enough away but on calm, pleasant days the odors drift east into Valencia and other cities East of the 5 freeway. These are the days we want our windows open and now we can not due to the odors from the dump. This needs to be shut down for the residents well being and for property values not to plummet.

Sincerely,
Robert Voets
24002 Via Sereno
Valencia, CA 91354

Dear Board,

We have lived in Castaic 5 years now and have loved being a part of this community. We have never thought of leaving until this issue with the landfill started last year. We are very concerned for our safety, the safety of our three young children, and our pets. There are days the smell is so terrible, no one can be outside. We cannot plan to have family or friends over because we never know how the air will be that day. It is sad and aggravating, to say the least. We have never considered leaving but we have been discussing it more recently. There is no transparency as to what exactly is in the air and how toxic it actually may be. Is it really worth our health to keep living here and hope that some day this all gets resolved? By then, it may be too late for all of us as the damage will have already been done. We are put in a very difficult situation, not just us but all the communities affected. Many of us cannot afford to just pick and move, with housing prices and interest rates so high. We are beyond frustrated and we need this resolved ASAP!

Luis and Kellyn Flores

We are so tired of this wait and see and test more and test more again situation with the landfill. Something has to be done and has to be done now. In the Live Oak neighborhood it is effecting our lives in such massive way. Most evenings we can't enjoy our yards or sleep with the windows open for fear of waking up with a massive headache or sore through. Or even worse, my wife wakes up with an asthma attack. Over summer it caused up to run the A/C every night dramaticly raising our electric bill but the utility relief program was only availble for such a small amount of house. The Live Oak neighborhood has been overlooked in most of the talks about anything landfill related but the afternoon/evening canyon breeze blows the gases and smell right at us. This wind patter WAS NOT CONSIDERED in the study the county commissioned. Rhe worst part of it so far is we normally have family holidays at our house but after some out of town

members got nauseous from the landfill gases and having to leave Thanksgiving early, the family CANCELED Christmas. Some family members are elderly and our children are now teenagers and will soon be leaving for college so we don't have many big family get togethers left. Imagine losing a one of your family holidays. My son only had one holiday to be 15 yrs old at and the Chiquita Canyon landfill stole that from us. Stole that from him.

Shane Weeks

Live Oak neighborhood resident and active voter