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With great respect I urge you to consider the following 3 points before ruling on the Cottonwood Sand Mine next week.

- Traffic
- Health
- 1980 Flood

Traffic: Currently during morning and afternoon school and commute hours, the surrounding roads are backed up to the extent it can take 20 minutes to traverse just 2 miles. Surrounding roads are 1 lane in each direction. The traffic created by a mining operation here will cause a far greater negative impact and safety concerns.

Further, when there is any sort of emergency as has occurred with fires, or lengthy road repairs in this area, the traffic is a nightmare - again just 1 lane in each direction for most surrounding roadways. Additionally the trucks from the aggregate operation just 1-1/2 miles east on Willow Glen have been causing safety concerns for years as many trucks exceed speed limits and barrel through the intersection of Willow Glen and Steele Canyon.

Health/Air Quality: My career was in this industry. This type of operation can lead to serious health issues, including lung issues and cancer. It needs to be located in an industrial area - not jeopardizing the health of the surrounding residential community. The predominant prevailing winds from the west will carry operational dust/contaminants directly toward Jamacha Elementary and the Steele Canyon community.

Flood of 1980: if you were around in 1980 you'll recall the rain event that completely flooded the entire Cottonwood valley, destroying the club house at Cottonwood and the pro-shop at Singing Hills, the embankments/roads and causing mud and debris to fill the entire valley and downstream. When is the next such rain event? What type of industrial fuels, oils, contaminants will wash downstream and mix/settle with the flood's mud flow?

My husband has lived here since 1957 so he was here for that event. I've attached photos he has from that flood. This situation alone should be enough to stop the sand mine. The environmental impact would be devastating.

While my employment for 30 years was in the rock and sand industry, I understand the need for sand in San Diego. There are far greater cost effective and safe sand import options such as the ship imports at the terminal. Industrial areas are well-suited for this type of operation. A residential community is not. I implore you to vote against the Cottonwood Sand Mine.

Unfortunately we cannot attend the meeting as we will be out of town, but PLEASE do not jeopardize our residential community's safety and health by approving an operation of this type. Please find a more suitable site.

Respectfully,

Juli Wilson, and Derek Wilson



