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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Insult During June 17, 2025 Public Hearing

Hello, SCAQMD Hearing Board (**Clerk please confirm receipt**)

My name is Abigail DeSesa, a 26 year resident of Val Verde Canyon in Castaic. During the publicly broadcasted hearing on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, one of the hearing board members insulted Mr. Larry Israel stating he is "**useless**". As a severely harmed member of this community by Chiquita Canyon Landfill, I find it extremely disrespectful to hear such a derogatory comment to a well respected senior inspector of SCAQMD. The public, myself included, is dependent on working with this agency and needs to trust they are doing their job so they have the ability to represent those of us severely harmed during this crisis. Due to the obvious fact that questions were being asked of Mr. Israel that were outside of his job and department does not warrant such a derogatory personal attack, especially publicly. The public has already lost so much faith in this entire process and the complaints have only decreased due to this loss in faith. Hearing this kind of comment only continues to erode whatever remaining faith this community has.

A public apology at the beginning of the next Chiquita Canyon Landfill hearing seems appropriate and warranted. A simple apology noting the frustrating this hearing member was experiencing and realizes in hindsight that the comment was misdirect and uncalled for. Mr. Israel deserves this and so does the members of my community suffering from this toxic landfill. If this hearing board feels the senior inspector is "useless" how on earth do you think anyone from the public is going to keep reporting? This is some kind of twisted government game that we the tax payers are actually paying for!

Respectfully,

Abigail DeSesa
26 Year Resident