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I cannot attend the hearing in person, due to work, but it is imperative that the board know that mitigation measures have been insufficient.
We continue to experience noxious odors that prevent us from being able to take walks in our neighborhood, go to the park, or even sit in our own backyards. We can't open our windows to let in cool air in the mornings. We have insane LADWP bills from running the AC all day and night. Many of us have given up on calling in the violations because it seems like no one cares. Several of my neighbors, who are friends, have opted to move away, purely due to how the landfill has impacted them. Some have even dealt with cancer.
Over the years, my own family has experienced headaches, nausea, respiratory, and autoimmune issues, all correlated to increased landfill odors.
Odors aren't just a nuisance. They are molecules of chemicals in the air, and we inhale them daily.
The dirt, trash, dust, and particles that are in the air impact our health and our enjoyment of our own home.
Scholarly research in scientific journals all conclude that landfills have a negative impact on the health of nearby residents, but the bought-and-paid-for "scientist" that the landfill operator uses somehow justifies an opposing stance. I wonder if he would be willing to live next to this landfill for an extended time and expose his family to the harm it causes.
Additionally, we know that private contractors have dumped dangerous materials mixed in with seemingly innocuous materials. No one is checking every item to ensure it isn't happening. I've spoken to several contractors who shared that it's a common occurrence.
Additionally, junk haulers do their "due diligence" by telling customers what they cannot dump, but they also don't check closed bags or boxes.
Fines have no impact on the operator. They make too much money to care.
More steps need to be taken to ensure our health, safety, and the enjoyment of our homes are all protected.
Let's cut through the rhetoric and prioritize our neighborhood over a business.

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