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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sunshine Canyon Landfill Case #3448-18 Order of Abatement

Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am submitting my testimony as I am unable to attend in person. I submitted a letter for the previous hearing in September of 2025 with my complaints of odors increasing and not being able to open windows, having to use the AC 24/7 at significant cost.

As you know this is not their first rodeo with Orders of Abatement. In 2016-2018 after complying with the new stipulation to add more horizontal collection tubes and wells and various other odor absorbing measures the odor complaints decreased from the high at that time of 1795 down to 208 in 2018. Since that time odor complaints have climbed back up from 653 in 2022 to 1721 in 2023 and 2187 in 2024. By 2025 the number was 2930 the most complaints EVER since 2005 when tracking began and this was under the Order of Abatement initiated on March 19, 2025. In just the first 2 months of 2026 odor complaints were 1399.

The operators continue to blame this on the “Legacy Damage” started in 2010 with requirement of 6-9” of soil coverage. BUT this was dealt with very well under the first Order of Abatement in 2016-2018.

The other excuse is the Atmospheric Rivers we experienced in 2022-2023, February of 2024 and November December 2025. AGAIN we also had atmospheric rivers in February of 2017 and January of 2018 and YET they were able to contain the odors with the additional measures required. The last excuse is that we have the highest level of organics ever in LA Sanitation History! Interesting because we always had organics in our trash and have been separating our trash into 3 containers for decades now.

So I ask why should we continue to let them experiment with organics and continue business as usual. I personally have called with odor complaints 53 times prior to the first hearing in September of 2025 and 54 times from that date to the end of 2025. Since the first of this year up to April 23 I have personally called 41 times in just 4 months, That should tell you that the measures that are being used are not effective!

While we all realize we need a place for our trash we also know this was never a good location so close to homes and schools. We are in a wind tunnel of the Newhall Pass so odors travel into our area very quickly. We also know the City of LA and the County of LA are making a tremendous amount of money from the landfill so there is no incentive to close it down and dump elsewhere. That being said THE VERY LEAST THEY CAN DO IS TO CONTAIN THE ODORS AND TOXINS ONSITE so that we are not being adversely affected by it.

I kept a flyer from 2000-2002 when Dave Edwards was the General Manager. It states that "there is no excuse for even a single violation at the landfill and BFI will not give any excuses" All LIES AND MORE LIES! We are tired of the lies and want a board that will hold their feet to the fire to contain their odors and toxins!

Thank you in advance for considering stricter rules in the Abatement Order and tighter Time Frames to get it done!!!!

Very Sincerely ,

Meg Volk

Neighbor since 1991 when landfill was closed and set to be a "Nature Preserve and Open Space"