



City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:00 PM
Agenda

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

1. for the Business Meeting for 01/19/2023 & 2/02/2023

Public Hearing - Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone: Proposed Location: UPC
1009026375240000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 5 11.52 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC
1009026375140000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 7 27.26 ACRES 1994 SPLIT

2. * **Motion and roll call vote to recess Planning and Zoning Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing**

* **Consideration of Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone:**

* **Motion and roll call vote to go back into Planning and Zoning Meeting session**

Actions Items

3. **Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Recommendation to move to Council applicant Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone**

Public Hearing - Cibola Land Corporation: Industrial 3 zone: Legal Description: UPC:
1010026145085000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 12 14.29 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC
1010026270120000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 14 19.56 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC
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1010026397131000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PORTION OF PARCEL 16 REMAINING 16.44 ACRES 2006 REV, UPC
1010026320050000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 19 54.00 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC
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4. * **Motion and roll call vote to recess Planning and Zoning Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing**

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* Consideration of Cibola Land Corporation: Industrial 3 zone

* Motion and roll call vote to go back into Planning and Zoning Meeting session

Actions Items

5. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Recommendation to move to Council applicant Cibola Land Corporation: Industrial 3 zone

Public Comment: The Commission will take public comments on *this meeting's specific agenda items*. These should be in written form via email through 2:45 PM on Thursday February 16, 2023 to info@riocommunities.net. These comments will be distributed to all Commissioners for review. *If you wish to speak during the public comment session in person:* The Commission will allow each member of the public three (3) minutes to address the Commission. Both the public and Planning & Zoning Commission will follow rules of decorum. Give your name and where you live. The public will direct comments to the Commission. Comment(s) will not be disruptive or derogatory.

General Commission Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

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City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Meeting
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Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Chairman Scroggins called the Planning and Zoning meeting to order at 4:19 Pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Member Scott Adair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present: Chair Thomas Scroggins, Secretary Melodie Good, Member Scott Adair, Member Adelina Benavidez.
 ABSENT: Member Chad Good
 - Present City Manager Dr. Marty Moore, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Member Adair to approve the agenda. Seconded by Secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the agenda was approved for the planning and zoning meeting as presented.

Approval of Minutes for the Business Meeting (01/05/23)

- Motion made by Member Adair to approve the minutes for 01/05/2023. Seconded by Secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the minutes for January 5, 2023 were approved as written.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Adoption of the City's Open Meetings Act Resolution

- Chairman Scroggins talked about the adoption of the Open Meetings act.
- Motion made by Secretary Good, Seconded by Member Adair. Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez. With a 4-0 vote the Commission approved the adoption of the City's open meetings act resolution.

Motion and roll call vote to recess Planning and Zoning Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing

Consideration of: a) Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone b) Cibola Land Corporation: Industrial 3 zone

- Motion made by Member Adair with a roll call vote to recess planning and zoning meeting session and to go into public hearing. Seconded by Member Benavidez. Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez. With a 4-0 vote the commission recessed the regular meeting to go into the public hearing at 4:25 pm.

Public Hearing - For the purpose of the request for a rezoning for a Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

a) Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone: Proposed Location: UPC 1009026375240000000
Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 5 11.52 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1009026375140000000 Subd:
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- ❖ Manager Dr. Marty Moore gave a presentation. See file.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins read his statement.
- ❖ Mr. Yates the applicant gave a presentation and thanked everyone for showing up. He showed the map and talked about the area he is talking about. He explained that 262 acers are being asked to be zoned to industrial 3 and the other 38 acers to be zoned as commercial 3. He showed what the property has on it right now. He talked about moving the trash off the property and moving it to the dump. He explained there would be a 50-foot buffer zone with trees to keep them separated from the existing residential area and the golf course. He further explained they would like to drill a water well and that the city would also be able to use the water well to water the tress in the buffer zone and other things as well. He continued to explain that plan of replotting the land to create new roads to keep semis off the residential roads so they can access directly from highway 47 and 304 without using the city roads. He said that the area he is talking about already touched the existing industrial park that is already there, and they are hoping to Annex it to that existing industrial park and that will create a very large-scale industrial park I think it will make it the second largest industrial park in New Mexico. What that will do is bring in opportunities to bring in anchor business that will give them the land and the size to bring in various things I can't give specifics about our investors at this time. He explained I heard people talking outside saying Yates wants to come in a drill we do not own any mineral right in the area and have no intention to drill on the land it is strictly to bring in jobs and businesses and work with the city. This will be a very beneficial location for business to create there is a already a railroad near the other industrial park that will make this a very attractive location to attract businesses that is out intentions to use land that is currently being used as a an illegal dumping site cleanup that land have this other property annex to the city of Rio Communities bring in businesses that would increase the tax base bring jobs and at the same time have a buffer zone to separate the land that is currently being used as a dumping site from the existing residential are a and bring in new roads. That is our only intention. I will open it up for questions from you guys.
- ❖ Member Adair asked you are going to propose to create a new road to bypass that traffic, so they are still going to have to come through 47 going north to get to the freeway. That still creates a lot of traffic.
- ❖ Yates answered all I can say is we are trying to create a different avenue for the heavy rigs and people that do the industrial work and things like that so it is not going through residential. What it does it is not like we are cutting off the existing roads we are just creating newer roads to keep the traffic diverted because they are not going to want to go through residential properties either so we will create an avenue so they could bring in goods and services.
- ❖ Member Adair asked so this road is for the business that might occupy those spaces and have that as a singular road for their traffic.
- ❖ Yates answered correct. So they can bring goods in and out and also access the rail.
- ❖ Member Adair asked so what type of business do you envision.
- ❖ Yates answered so I can't go into specifics but what I do want to specify that we are not planning on drill or things of that nature we are open to all types of businesses if this passed and the zoning gets approved and able to get the annexation and make it one continues industrial park we will be able to bring in all types of business for example wind turbines we are talking about a large enough area were amazon could come in and bring in a warehouse things of that nature it will open up an area where any type of legitimate businesses can come in. Because they are going to have to go in here and spend a lot of money to get it developed you

are going to have legitimate business putting their cash and capitol on the line hoping to get established a base in Rio Communities.

- ❖ Member Adair asked as far as water.
- ❖ Yates answered as far as water if we are able to get through the rezoning process and this gets approved then we are planning on buying water rights and drilling a water well that might mean we have to drill multiple water wells depending on the water rights we buy but what we are planning on doing if there is going to be a need for water is buying the water rights we need to be able to service that.
- ❖ Member Adair asked so do you think any of this business would require a redundant amount of water.
- ❖ Mr. Yates answered I haven't talked to anybody who has said they need a redundant amount of water.
- ❖ Secretary Good asked it is my understanding that anyone you are negotiating with say it is approved and you want to bring somebody in they are going to have to go through the entire process with us to make sure the community wants that type of business.
- ❖ Mr. Yates answered my understanding is that everything has to be approved by you all this gives us is the opportunity to let them know this is zoned industrial I am an industrial business and I have to go and get approved by the community in order to put my business. Cibola can't give the permission to go ahead and put-up shop it would have to be approved by you guys.
- ❖ Member Adair asked how you would propose to restrict the dumping.
- ❖ Mr. Yates answered that we fenced the property we bought we have a crew taking trash out in a safe manner there are some interesting artifacts that have accumulated over the years that all we can do until we get some businesses in there hopefully the gates will help and we can monitor it the best we can.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins said so if I am not mistaken the first step is rezoning and then after that we would be seeing more of you hopefully.
- ❖ Mr. Yates answered that is correct if it is rezoned we would come to you to get the property replated from the lots so we can install the roads. That would be the next step.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins said we have quite a list of people two pages I think we got this organized as commercial first and industrial second that is what I will do. I will start with commercial.
- ❖ Lodi Silva; read a statement. My statements are my own and do not represent any former capacity I hold with any city or nonprofit organization I have involvement with. With that being said anyone that knows me knows I am a loyal to the economic development to the City of Rio Communities. I truly believe we are a bedroom community we do need c3, c2, and c1. One of my concerns was the water that Mr. Yates did answer. My other concern is sewer and asked if they will make their own septic or are they going to come into our household sewer or are they going to help build it so we can add to it. I do believe we need commercial 3 and I am all for the growth of Rio Communities as long as Planning and zoning are making the right decisions on the growth we need.
- ❖ Monique Marquez; said I just want to make is clear the Cibola has owned that property since June of 2021, and I am curious on why now they are only moving trash off that has been dumped there now and not for the last almost three years. So, Rio Communities guys what happened to endless views endless opportunities that is our logo it is printed everywhere. If this commercial zoning passes the residents would have endless views distorted by large buildings, smog, odor, smoke, gases, traffic and destroyed roads. Say No to rezoning to maintain the integrity of the city's lifestyle.

- ❖ Matthew Marquez; I am against the rezoning in commercial words is 80 feet enough to separate commercial property from residential homes. Zoning ordinance requires 30 feet set back between residential and commercial establishments plus a 50 foot set back being offered by developer in the recently held special Zoning meeting held on November 21 Dr. Moore himself expressed the concern regarding the proctectomy of solar panels being to closet to homes, why is it not a concern today and I quote it could be 70 ft away and it is still very close he said that on November 21 commercial building affect living conditions more than solar panels deny the zoning change.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Kathleen McCord.
- ❖ Kathleen McCord; she would like to save her speech for the I3 part.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called HS Craig.
- ❖ Hide Craig; I live at the Golf Course at the end of the golf course you are wanting to put heavy industry what are you thinking there are nice houses there 50 feet this room is longer than 50 ft and that is what you want to do, why you were elected by the people to meet our needs and our concerns. Please say no to this industrial and commercial development.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Monica Vargas.
- ❖ Monica Vargas; said she is here to represent her community and I have a lot of questions I live on highway 304 and my main concern is the gas smell.

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- ❖ Chairman Scroggins said let's move to the industrial and called Ross Harms.
- ❖ Ross Harms; I live on Brown drive I live a couple of blocks from the golf course, and I can see where you are contemplating the rezoning on the southside which appears by the map that it will only be a few blocks from existing homes. I would like to thank our speaker for showing us the pretty picture of the green trees that was over whelming. But I do not think this is the best place to put heavy industrial the process here is first you buy the land then you wait awhile then you get a few people contracted on the side and then you go for the rezoning and then although we are not supposed to talk about the future we all know what the links of the chain will lead to he will be back and her will be asking for sand and gravel and asphalt and plenty other wonderful business to come in. If you think this going to bring jobs to our area this is a retirement community there are elderly people here and they are not going to go over and work at some asphalt plant. I would request strongly that you do not consider going forward with this heavy industrial zoning. Thank you.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Helen Smith.

- ❖ Helen Smith; I live at 952 Frederico that is the very last house on Frederico on the desert end that use to be a desert. I am a captain from the United States Navy the fact that property owners within 100 ft of this project were he only one that were notified is a failure of our zoning ordinance 100 ft is very small when you are talking about throwing up giant buildings and dirt or whatever so I am asking you reconsider when it comes to something major like this. I do not want an industrial park in my back yard. She continued to talk about the infrastructure and that she was denied a battery for my solar blocking a view of the desert the Manzano Mountains or the night sky of my New Mexico home these are the prime reasons I built my home here. I have a garden a pool and many species of birds and wildlife in which I enjoy feeding and an industrial park would put an end to that. I live 70 yards from this proposed industrial site and expect to be intolerable inflicted with noise, vibration, smoke, dust particulate matters, toxins, heat, glare, night lighting and hazardous waste this is a violation of the living conditions in which under I and my neighbors built our homes. This area of Rio Communities is where our city will grow it is virtually the only area we can add more houses witness Manzano vista is coming in with 36 homes and then we want terminate any residential occupancy with an industrial park and believe me the people on the other side of highway 47 will also be upset by having an industrial park right across the road so there won't be much growth in that area which will limit the residence of our city to 6,000 people and that doesn't hold much future. There is also some infrastructure that I hope would be taken into account in which will have a huge burden on our city. We have a long-lasting drought and our aquifer is down is this a good use of our water supply for our long term future is it protective of the land that feeds our aquifer is it green use of water and treatment of waste water. Our current water infrastructure is in very poor shape drive down to Nancy Lopez and see how many times they patched the water lines it may require the city to maintain those water lines and sewer disposal power almost all of Rio Communities is in a red zone with PNM which means the transformers is maxed out so has PNM been involved in this to the point where they might actually put in some new transformers because I was denied the right to put batteries in for my solar. The elevation of this site is 10 to 15ft higher than the other existing land we are looking at massive water run off possible flooding in local residential areas, wastewater running off, are our roads equipped for that kind of weight of shipping vehicles, will additional traffic control or street lights ect. be required. Fire department require more special equipment, medical training, manpower and special hazardous waste training. Police the 13 works force, traffic and possibly service establishments such as bars which will require more police. This is a great concern for the residents in the City of Rio Communities and would hope we will put it to a public vote, if necessary, not hide behind the screen of nobody know about until it late. I respectfully request the commission vote hell no.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Robert Kanishiro.
- ❖ Robert Kanishiro; I live on Edmundo just down the street from her you know 70 yards from where all this is proposed to take place. Right now, Valencia County has Mesa Oil that caused a big stink the other night a big stink right. This is something that we deal with on a regular basis not just something that happened one time because of an invasion and then the fire department couldn't find where the smell was coming from. I can see Mesa Oil right from my house and you want to put another industrial park to bring in more businesses like this into our community to pollute our air our environment noise all the things that Hellen said, and I stand in opposition to this proposed commercial and industrial zone all it is going to do is create headaches for the residents in this community. Right now, in our area we had quite a few new

houses going up this is going to put an end to that and there is a lot to take into consideration like putting trees up as a buffer zone. That isn't going to stop odors it might stop a little bit of noise the pollution is still going to be there and I thank the company for cleaning up that area because I know and have seen the trash thrown out there by whoever. If you want to put an industrial put it down south because Rio Communities has plenty of land. With jobs I'm all about jobs for providing economic opportunities for our youth I have kids I have grandkids I want them to stay in the area when they grow up and have opportunities but this. I don't think we need this right now all the heavy traffic heavy trucks across the city streets I don't even think that is legal you know to have semis that are over so much weight and do we have enough sheriffs to enforcement. I don't thin this a good idea the commercial or the industrial it's to close its just a stone throw away from where we live. It would really affect us and our community.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Marsha Walton.
- ❖ Marsha Walton; 111 El Mundo road. I agree with Helen and everything she said I think it will increase our crime and decrease the value of our homes. I moved here 14 years ago and if I would have known about the industrial park I would not have bought my home. Why can they come in here now it's not right I was told it was residential it is crazy the pollution the property value is it true that industrial dosent pay taxes. So where is this going to benefit us. I am against all of it and agree with everyone that has spoken it is going to ruin our city.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins Called Ron Gentry.
- ❖ Ron Gentry; I have been a resident in Rio Communities and this area most of my life I have served as a councilman a state legislature and I've served as your county commissioner and I have some comments that I would just like for you to think about in behalf of this community I really had a vision years ago and helped to incorporate this place and put together the basis for it go forward. You know we studied this 13 years ago in the county about going to an I3 an industrial park. We had a light duty industrial park, and the people came in with good intentions and we had an I3. We had a battel for about a year or so of the pros and cons of an I3 in our community and finally it got put here in that industrial park. We were promised all kinds of oversite, and looking into things and it was going to be grate. And I can appreciate that. But the first thing that came in after that was zoned I3 we had application for a trash recycling plant, and it went through the procedures, and we couldn't stop it because it was zoned for that kind of a plant. And they were granted the right and they still own the company just north of the old Solo cup. We went to battle with that I did some research at their plant in Colorado. They had one down on Broadway. There's nothing we want in this area people would have really regretted it. I live South end of the industrial park and you wonder where all that gas smell, petroleum smell is coming from it doesn't take a guiness to know the smell is coming from Mesa oil and I don't complain they got zoned the right way and they are doing their business. Where is the demand for I3 in this area. There's 200 acers probably up in the industrial park that nobody is building on. It's for sale it's got everything they are looking for like water sewer and water rights and everything you are looking for in a I3 and I don't recomend it in our back yard not in your community because what we did when we zoned at I3 and I voted against it then and I do not support I3 in your back doorstep. The buffer zone I heard talked about is there already. It starts at the north end of the industrial park and it goes clear up to about the golf course. That's the part that is left in between. You destroy that and you've got all of this stuff in your back yard. Do you realize you can have a trash recycling company, you can have junk yards, chemical plants, oil filtering systems. You can have all of this stuff. If you

want to see what a I3 looks like go down south Broadway in Albuquerque. I know Mr. Yates and his group I've known them for all my life. They are good people they have good intentions but like they say hell is full of good intentions. Now if you want to zone that here you lose control of it because you zoned it for them to do that kind of facility. You cannot go back and say no you can't do it because it says, you would use the best use that is planned for, and you folks know that. If you plan for a I3 you can't deny a I3 and you are liable. My real question is we are having trouble cleaning up the front yard of Rio Communities and the junk yard trouble. How are we going to police an I3 of 300 acres. To my knowledge we have 2 people in public works and I'm not sure if we have a public works director anymore or not. So that's our entire city facility to take care of it. Who is going to do the oversight. What engineering company is going to be on them. Where is our EPA department. We didn't have all of that in the County and we couldn't keep control of it. The State has a hard time and why would we use Rio Communities resources and administration and taxes to take care of all of this stuff this is going to you people oversee. I don't think we are ready for it. Belen has a I3 five miles south of town. We have one two miles south of town. So now we want to bring into our back doorstep. I really encourage you to think about the long term authority that you would have. I believe you would lose it because you voted for it this day. Thank you.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Celestino Alvacado
- ❖ Celestino Alvacado; I am a lifetime Valencia County resident I am here to oppose this ordinance change to I3. I believe it's proximity to the residents in Rio Communities and it imposes many environmental risk, health risk, it imposes danger to our natural wildlife our natural grasses that we like miss Helen said that this community is open space. You can see the Manzanos you can see down south the mountains over there, You can see all around. Its 360-degree views and to put this industrial park here so close to the community. Like others said we already have an Industrial Park down the road, and they need to keep it down there. The lighting at night is going to be a problem the traffic they propose a road but where does it go from there straight to Belen. There is no other way to get out but through Belen or highway 346 and come around that side. It is going to add traffic to our roads in Belen and its going to cause traffic here its going to damage the environment and I strongly oppose this ordinance change. Thank you.
- ❖ Tommy Westmoreland; 458 Garden Court. I have listened to a lot of talk today I am not a tree hugger I would cut one down and sell it to you. Rio Communities dosent own anything they own this building and a couple of fire stations our infrastructure isn't strong. There are alot of folks that are my age and older. I see all your plans and I think we should make those plans a wish list. It isn't going to affect me in anyway whatsoever. I have never seen a state with so many rules they have rules for rules. I dont have a leagacy and I am not going to get one and neither are any of you seniors above 70 its over with. So whatever you decide I hope you take into consideration of the future of our young folks.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Tom Maraz.
- ❖ Tom Maraz; I am from the beautiful Meadow Lake my wife moved in 2006 because it was peaceful and quiet. I am not against growth at all. I was appointed a commissioner by the governor in 2020 the county commission hadn't even looked at their comprehensive plan hasn't done anything since 2005 I pushed them to come up with a new plan. Around here is piss poor planning look what Los Lunas did this is ridiculous. We are we going to change this for a bunch of billionaires this county needs better planning and not cater to the rich people. Why would you want to put this right here in the middle of the city where people live it is absurd.

The guy is nothing but oil, so you know it is going to be oil of some sort. You have to think about this the man is 80 years old.

- ❖ Secretary Good said if you are here for the rezoning that is fine, but I will not listen to you attack the Yates family.
- ❖ Tom Maraz; said that is fine I am just against unplanned progress. I am for progress, but it needs to be planned and this you let people know 6 days before give a 6-day notice that isn't very good planning either. You got to consider the people that live here, and you should not allow this, I mean this is crazy. Thank you.
- ❖ Chairman Scoggins called Maria Gonzalez.
- ❖ Maria Gonzalez; I live at 119 San Lucas right at the edge where all his is going to happen possibly. I am here on behalf of myself and my mother. I want to express out strong opposition to this rezoning. This came to a surprise to me and my mother that our beautiful sites are about to be destroyed to allow for a possible oil processing commercial development factories and heavy industrial sites. We are shocked and somewhat suspicious at some of the people that this will be most impacted. No one ever informed us about this from your planning and zoning commission we only heard about this by word of mouth by our neighbors. Our primary concern many of us have is the increased potential for air, water, and noise pollution. We are currently dealing with gas fumes from Mesa Oil spews each night and the mesa oil purges in their factory. This Last Friday many people left there home to get away from toxic fumes or stayed inside their homes and suffered headaches and nausea. It is a great concern surrounding the beautiful homes surrounding our homes will leave us more vulnerable than we already are. Another issue that doesn't seem to be adequately considered is the noise. The topography of this area consists of sand, sagebrush tumbleweeds and big open skies. A jogging path or tress and bushes along the perimeter of the proposed heavy industrial zone will do nothing to absorb or hide the noises that the heavy industrial site will create. The potential for additional air and water pollution will not be acceptable for our rural community finally decisions like this are supposed to be made in concert and the city's comprehensive plan and the adopted land use plan. Our Rio Communities comprehensive plan clearly states, the area for I3 heavy industrial should be under the proposal here for a planned unit for housing not industrial use. This proposal for heavy industrial is in direct conflict with the city's comprehensive plan in which you are suppose to follow. This proposal is noting but spot zoning which is illegal. Commissioners anyone else who has who has a say so, please strike this proposal down. Put your community and our fragile desert environment first and especially in from to the profits of the Cibola Land Corporation. Water is life. Thank you.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Tom Nelson.
- ❖ Tom Nelson; I own five houses in this city that are rental, so you do this my property value is going to drop. Now are we in Iowa or are we in New Mexico. This isn't the field of dreams if you zone it the day will come. No. And now, onto the application you quoted 100 feet as far as you have to notify people. Per the zoning application off your website from yesterday. Properties within 300 ft of opposed rezoning would be notified by certified mail whit in 15 days of the public hearing. You said 100ft. She's 200ft. You did not follow your own regulation. The application for rezoning here is the application check list planned land use designed including buffer zones for industrial use of property purposed public roads and all purposes must exist in MDOT access points. All industrial zone request shouldn't include proposed heavy industrial areas as well as proposed office building locations. He is trying to get rezoned without telling

me what's going there or where it's going. So, with this alone this should be thrown out. Thank you.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Lodi Silva.
- ❖ Lodi Silva; 309 Recodo I will repeat my statement. My statements are my own and do not represent any former capacity I hold with any city or nonprofit organization I have involvement with. With that being said. Mr. Yates owns property in the current I3 industrial area outside the city. If you look up the prices for that land, it goes from \$1 to a \$1.95 a square foot times a square footage would be equal \$65,340 per acre. That he would be able to market this property at. Maybe more because it would be the second largest I3 industrial park in the State. Our average median home price in Rio Communities is \$230,000.00. Our average median. You are basically taking away our current resident's home values especially in that immediate area because they will have to disclose, they are living within X amount of feet of an industrial park. So, home values will drop. I will not recommend the I3 zoning in that area. Even with a buffer zone that is proposed. I would not recommend it. It is 50ft plus the 30ft is 80. Which is not enough. I don't know how many houses are going to go on the market once this passes if it does, but I definitely want to sell it but guess what I have to disclose that I'm selling a house near that I3 zoning. So as far as that value goes 65,000 an acre times that times 260 acers you guys can do the math. I have been involved with economic development. I know that developers come in and promise big things. If you chose to pass this, I implore you to please get things in writing documented. Developers can promise the world and promise to do 17 different things. But unless it is in writing there is no grounds to standing on it. Unless you have already seen that and haven't presented that more conversation needs to be had with the developer and our expectations of them if you allow this. Thank you.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Monique Marquez.
- ❖ Monique Marquez; discussing health. It is known concern of multiple industrial areas to the health of the community decrease closer proximity to industrial. I'm going to hand you guys some packets. You have two packets in front of you one is packet A and one is packet B. I will give you a second to look over them, let me know what you see. For reference you guys I am showing the cities calendar. Alright so I'm just going to tell you guys what you are looking at. So, what you guys are looking are the city's calendar. One of them packet a was pulled this morning packet be was pulled today at 2:30pm. This morning you can see there is no meeting agenda. There is no notice to of the planning and zoning public hearing. I was pulling this packet this afternoon and within 10 minute period, this notice went live. So we documented it, according to the minutes that you just approved for the MOA you guys just approved it at the beginning of this. OMA is the open meetings act rules. You guys specifically state that is should be published on the website within 72 hours prior to the meeting. This is a direct violation of the OMA rules and regulations and because of that I have reported it to the attorney general. Secondly, the city has been served with a IPRA request. We want to know what kind of communication has been going on about this proposal. We have not heard back you guys had three days. Today is day three. Time is up. Because of this the IPRA request the city disclose any and all communication, written, electronic, otherwise. Between any and all city employees, members their governing body, Mr. Yates his agents attorneys, staff, commissions regards to this zoning change. The application and or use of the land partial parcels in question and any and all communication directly or indirectly concerning the land use in question of the application. The intent of the law must be respected in this process. There for we ask for you guys to immediately deny and defer this hearing.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Matthew Marquez
- ❖ Matthew Marquez; I am a retired army person I moved here about three years ago. We moved over by 309 Godfrey. So that's where I live. My son is here my daughter she is going to be 12 soon I want to raise her in an area that is away from the big industrial sites and anything that had to do with situations like that. Now we got word of what's going to happen over here. My son just bought property on Nancy Lopez this was about a month ago. He just found out about this. Him and his fiancé just moved in about two weeks ago what are they going to do if this gets approved the property value is going to drop they paid a lot of money for this house now the prices are high. What are they going to do are they going to be able to sell it when and if they put this industrial park in. They are not going to be able to sell it they are going to be upside down on their property and if they have a child soon they are going to have to raise their child in that type of situation. How is the child's health going to be. Is their child going to be sick its entire life because there's going to be pollutants in the air, in the water. I say no to this industrial park, this industrial site. It's something that I believe in strongly that we don't need to have this type of companies coming into our community it's something we don't need. We have the elderly and the young people. My kids are my legacy it's a no on this plan.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Guy Ducheri.
- ❖ Guy Ducheri; I have lived in Valencia County for 39 years. I wrote a letter, and I attached a appendix to it the appendix is 11 pages. Guy Ducheri email will be attached to the official minutes. I also have an issue of the notice of these changes. In your comprehensive plan it references to the city initiatives, and they require 14-day notification. If this indeed is a city initiative and there's a state that says regulations of the municipal zoning authority are to be in accordance to the comprehensive plan. So, if you didn't do a 14 day notice I think you need to redo this whole hearing. My letter is in opposition to and I'm here in person to with my opposition. Thank you.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Kathleen McCord.
- ❖ Kathleen McCord; I am a Valencia County resident I found a couple of statements on your comprehensive plan that are very relevant on why we are here today on page 55 it says Rio Communities is a community that has been in decline for many decades to this point its future falls to responsible government and a full of participation of concerned citizenry. On page 42 it says ultimately community and the governing body have many choices. With consensus, informed decisions can be made that will determine the future character of our community. Those are your words folks. It seems like the future of the community is what is on the table right now. You are being asked to approve the rezoning of 300 acers of land just south of the golf course community to heavy industrial and heavy commercial. Right now, those 300 acers are zoned as PD. Which Is a combination of residential and light commercial uses. So all of us here have many questions on what that heavy industrial and heavy commercial zoning would bring to Rio Communities. Cibola land plan is to quote bring in some industrial and commercial development because the railroad is right there to the west. When asked, do you have any ideas of possible purchasers of this property the Cibola Land person answer was not as of yet. This is just the beginning, and we are trying to get it rezoned and get business in. We are concerns citizens who think that answer does not provide nearly enough information for you to make those informed decisions that are part of your desired responsible governance. What constitutes heavy industrial in the RC zoning code. Here are just a few examples. Bulk storage tanks for petroleum and LPG, auto wrecking yards, facilities for production of oil and natural gas, asphalt material, production plant and more. These do not seem like the kinds of business

operations that the people of Rio Communities want. Literally in their back yard. Cibola land Corp holdings is a component in the Yates family petroleum empire. And so it is reasonable to surmise that some of the unspecified heavy industrial application could be those bulk storage tanks for petroleum ect. And even a facility for production of oil and natural gas and other hydrocarbons petroleum. After all, that has been the business of the Yates family for decades. So it is unlikely they would be leaning toward a meat packing plant for example. So, my request for you folks is this. Please ask the Cibola Land Holdings if bulk storage tanks for petroleum ect. Or facilities for the production of oil and natural gas ect. Are part of their vision for quote industrial and commercial development land if the land is rezoned for heavy industrial. Finally here is an important point made by another concerned citizen. Those who make such request of the planning and zoning commission should be liable to find original independent, site-specific research demonstrating to the satisfaction of all community residents that the proposed heavy industrial development will cause no harm to come to their properties, to their property values, to their health, or to the natural environment in which they live. I share the conviction and opposition of all the concerned citizens who are here tonight. And that includes the people in the other room. Please vote to deny this rezoning request. Thank you.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called up Mariah Gomez
- ❖ Mariah Gomez; I am here as a private citizen and resident of Valencia County. Last Friday when we received the alert that there was a voluntary evacuation of the area based on the smell was coming from the area that still hasn't been determined. We were alerted in Los Lunas it impacted my family significantly and it pointed to some infrastructure failure. Should this be rezoned to heavy industrial. I take great interest in the comment earlier when one of you posed the question asking how many water right would be needed for a certain project. And is was the answer was this was hyperbole. And I find it ironic is that they pointed to hyperbole when in fact the presentation started with hyperbole pointing to dumping other than calling it what it is what is which is pollution . Which is what the heavy industrial use would be zoned as pollution. If it were to in fact happen. One other thing I find to be of interest is that I would encourage for a environmental impact assessment to be done. Because non has been done. This would high lite not only the health but direct environment like water, air. It can look into like the South Valley we could look at the similar community in Utah none of this has happened and if there isn't money to do a environmental impact assessment then why are we considering this. In fact the hyperbole here is they are hiding behind the production of or creation of jobs. And what would happen is that people would not be moving here they would be moving away because of the pollution. This will not create the type of jobs that are being highlighted here. This is actually going to be very detrimental to the community. So, as you consider your vote tonight I urge you to think about the fact that there are so many people here and not one in the community has spoken in favor of this rezoning. Thank you.
- ❖ Monica Vargas; did not show.
- ❖ April Sorzano; did not show.
- ❖ Allen Sinclair; Thank you for doing your jobs I know you feel like you are getting attacked tonight but we are just voicing our concerns. I want to read the Rio Communities zoning ordinance 4-1-2. To me it is clear that this I3 is none of that it does not promote any harmonious or balanced development and it does not preserve the general health and welfare of the citizens of Rio Communities. what is in your zoning ordinance. I am retired from General Electric South Broad way Albuquerque and I did not want to live any where near where i worked that place I put in 32 years they were caught up in polluting the ground water. If you

have heavy industrial you can't stop that it is going to happen. You can't control everything. Thank you.

- ❖ Chairman called up Monica Marquez 410 Western Drive.
- ❖ Monica Marquez; read a statement it says all, such request must be received one day prior to the post Hearing and will be read into the minutes of the meeting. And letters that were received on time will they be read into the records tonight. They should be properly read into them. Now I have another part of this I want to thank you for doing your jobs. I am a truck driver I am concerned about the safety of the big semis on the roads are a concern, down by Hobbs a lot of lives are lost. There is something that is missing and that is a Hospital that needs to be more of a concern.
- ❖ Chairman called up Ann McCarthy
- ❖ Ann McCarthy; 44 Traino Loop in Tierra Grande; Some neighbors to Rio Communities. I am one of those people addicted to the endless views. I have lived in Valencia County since 1977. I am concerned about this proposal to have the heavy industrial zone change which would allow manufacturing, petroleum storage tanks, asphalt, possibly an auto wrecking yard. This rezoning is not necessary. Mr. Yates owns an industrial park that's your neighbor. If he needs to do more development or more industrial development he has got the land to do it. This is not needed. Heavy industrial has major impacts and has already been stated here today, health impacts, air pollution, gases, noxious fumes, chemicals, hazard waste. I want to read in to the record to have it for everyone to hear. A statement from a medical doctor in the state of New Mexico written today to the commission. Thank you for your hard work. You do as public servants. I am writing you today that your commission denies Cibola Land Corp. request to change 39 acers to commercial and 252 acers to Industrial 3. As these changes have potential health impacts for your community. I am a medical doctor and serve families that live in industrial development. As you review the possibilities for the industrial 3 zone it is important as gatekeepers for your community to think about the potential impacts from oil and gas extraction, auto wrecking yards, petroleum storage, asphalt production, or heavy manufacturing. By example, the Mountain View community in the South Valley of Albuquerque which is experience continuing expansion of industry next to their residential neighborhood. Has been constantly exposed to fumes of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds. Or VOCs., Sulfur oxides, and heavy particulate matter all these pollutants can and do affect the health of the people living near heavy industry. We have watched here in New Mexico and nationally the development of health problems when people live near these types of industrial uses. Oil and gas facilities. If the I3 rezoned is used for them, it can leak toxic gases. Studies show that people living close to these facilities experience increased rates of cancer, asthma, and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Auto salvage or wrecking yards if that is a proposed use by the applicant contain many hazardous materials including lead batteries, mercury from light switches. antifreeze, freon from cooling systems, polychlorinated bisphenols, chlorofluorocarbons, asbestos found in brake pads and linings of older cars, motor oil and other heavy metals. These Substances can cause ground pollution but also air pollution for your residents. The health risk for Rio Communities depends on what the applicant proposed. But I urge you to insist that these issues be addressed before you approve a zone change. Adverse public health impacts in our community. It is not the legacy we want to leave our children. As a medical doctor, I urge you to protect your residents from heavy industrial uses. This letter is from Angelo Tomeni. He is a visiting associate professor at UNM, and I ask that you take all these considerations into

consideration as you deliberate as the gatekeepers for this community, and I ask you on behalf of Tierra Grande residents that you deny this application.

- ❖ Chairman Scroggins called Linda Gwenley.
- ❖ Linda Gwenley; I live in Adelino; Adelino is about 5 miles up the road from here. I am most concerned about the traffic on 47 as you know it is a two lane road right now. I have noticed an increase in big rigs coming up and down 47 and I shudder to think how much more traffic this would cause. Highway 47 is just not built for this kind of traffic. I shudder to think how I will even get out of my own driveway. I also have my own water well and I am concerned about the amount of water additional water that would be used which might cause me to drill a new well which is not an expense I'm looking forward to. Thank you for your time and listening to all these comments. You do a public service and I appreciate it.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained that there are some written comments that I want to make sure they are a part of the official record of the hearing.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore read the names of the people that sent in a written comment. First one I have in front of me is from Max Soony Governor of the Pueblo of Isleta obviously he lives in the Pueblo area, Patterson Harris and Sofia Harris of Rio Communities. I have a couple of different ones that have the exact same verbiage, but I want to make it clear that those written document is for the record. Elaine Hebard who lives in Albuquerque NM, Norm Klingbille in Rio Communities who has written a comment, Lynn Eubank Valencia County NM, Linda Zaragoza, Maria Gonzalez Rio Communities, Richard Henderson Rio Communities.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins requested a short recess.
- ❖ Secretary Good made a motion for a short recess, seconded by Member Adair. With a unanimous vote the commission took a short recess at 6:22pm.
- ❖ Member Adair motioned to continue the public hearing seconded by Secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the commission continued to Public Hearing at 6:30pm.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained every piece of documented information will be available online everyone will be able to get it and read them for themselves. They will also be part of the official part of the hearing. If anyone spots a descriptive talk to us let us know so we can make it good. Next we have a Ron Finch from the city of Albuquerque, Linda Laswell from Belen, Amber Jenson Valencia County, Elizabeth Dicharry Los Lunas, Angelo Tomeni MD Albuquerque, Martha Saiz Rio Communities, Michael Melendez Rio Communities, Renee Mollineda, Elaine Cimino the documents include some citations and they will all be part of the public record. Theresa Smith de Cherif, Katrina Bedsaul Valencia County, Hanna Anna Albuquerque NM, Kuan Tikkun, Frank Maza Jr. Rio Communities, Ralph Wrons Bernalillo County, Geraldine Feron Rio Communities. T Those are the ones I have in front of me if we may have left anyone out, we will make sure we get them and make them part of the permanent record.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore finished reading the written comment.
- ❖ Chairman called Nicole Maestas.
- ❖ Nicole Maestas; I live in district 2 and I stand in from of you waring many hats I am the CD2 chair of the environmental justice Caucus a first time mother of a five month old child and finally a disabled veteran of OIF who was exposed to inviable and environmental toxins, 12 hours a day during my deployment in early 2004. Today I remind you we are all interconnected. Potential contamination, air pollution, water pollution, we share no matter your location in New Mexico. This is called cumulative impacts. There is no invisible buffer zone that protects air and water. It knows no boundary. Rezoning like this puts us all at risk. It puts our culture at risk, our farms at risk, it puts our families at risk and water which is life at risk. Not to mention it

literally puts the cart before the horse. While I always appreciate New Mexico being open for business, I cannot help but to notice external forces coming into New Mexico for exploitive, explorative, and polluting business. It is so problematic that we continue to allow this it is to the point to where our federal government is considering using New Mexico as a nuclear waste storage dump. What does this have to do with today. It's the continual opportunities we keep giving via rezoning on a micro level that has macro level government looking at New Mexico as if we are a parking lot for some of the worst polluting industrial development projects. Not being to go into specifics on what or who will have access to these rezoned areas. The level of water potentially needed in a water resource scarce state is shocking. Attracting business is one thing but turning protected zoned areas into heavy industrial zones for unknown business does not inspire trust. Our communities deserve better. New Mexico deserves better. And on behalf of the environmental justice caucus, a disabled veteran, who earned her disability serving our country downwind of environmental toxins and on behalf of future generations, I humbly ask you to vote no on considering this rezoning request. Thank you.

- ❖ Chairman called John Thompson
- ❖ John Thompson; I am a resident here in Rio Communities and I have served there where you are for several years on planning and zoning. It is apparent to me watching the process that I think the rest of the community understands that your job is to represent the request of the petitioner and I'm happy to see that my fellow citizens here have treated you with courtesy and respect that you deserve. So from all of our discussions, when I was there in your seat, it became clear that the interest of the community were to repair pot holes, increase police presence, paved roads, and mostly get us some parks. We know that takes money and I see the temptation is to bring in an industrial park to bring in some revenue to get some money to do the things we want. But this is a bedroom community a golf course community. We're a desert community. I had five pages of stuff here but I'm not going to repeat it. All I am going to say to all the people that spoke before me, Ditto. We need to grow our community in the best way and to stop the growth in our community is with a I3 backstop. This will kill our residential growth and depress our property value. Once a industrial park is in it will make our city less attractive to find a housing developer that will want to build a housing development behind a industrial park and it will be tough for realtors to get potential home buyers through the industrial park to look at homes that they would be commuting to and from that industrial park once or twice a day. We should build. We should have a developer, a property owner who is eager to develop. I would encourage you to find a way to encourage them to build some beautiful homes at \$100 a sq foot. Get us some grocery store, some convenience stores. Thank you.

Motion and roll call vote to go back into Planning and Zoning Meeting session

Actions Items

- Motion made by Secretary Good to go back into regular Planning and Zoning meeting. Seconded by Member Adair. Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez. With a 4-0 vote the planning and zoning commission went back into the regular business meeting session at 6:28 pm.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Recommendation to move to Council applicant Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone.

- Manager Dr. Moore explained due to the amount of people and written comments to digest, his recommendation is to table items four and five and hold a second Public Hearing on February 16th. He further explained there will be another opportunity for comment and input, so the residents and our neighbors feel like they have ample opportunity to be able to provide their comments.
- Motion made by Secretary Good to table the items 4 and 5 to February 16th. Seconded by Member Adair. Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez. With a 4-0 vote the Commission agreed to have another public hearing on February 16, 2023.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained to the commission the Open Meetings act and suggested that members of the Commission not talk about this to refrain from a rolling quorum.

Public Comment:

- Chairman called names of people that signed up for Public Comments.
- Theresa wanted to share my appreciation for everybody that has very factual information. I hope this commission will take that into consideration.
- Maria Gonzalez so during the presentation the gentleman in the suite jacket saying it is a dump site. I do think it will be a huge loss for community children do ride four wheelers and bikes there. I have also picked up bags of trash near there on Christmas, so I am not sure exactly where it is getting cleaned up.
- Monica Marquez I just wanted to bring something I missed I do believe Facebook really helped Los Lunas and we do deserve something like that just not so close to our homes.
- Celestino Landavazo. I want to make a comment we have over 70 thousand residents here is Valencia County and we all share the same aquifer with Bernalillo and Socorro County and it is out responsibility as citizens we need to think or our neighboring Counties to help protect the water beneath our feet. We cant have industrial coming in a polluting our water once it is polluted it is done there is no other source of water for our community. This is not only affecting our water but our neighbors as well. Water is becoming more and more scarce.

General Commission Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- Eric Lindahl, I have recently purchased the building at 2350 NM Highway 47 next to Allsup's we are looking for a change in zoning. It was represented as a C3 but were informed by Rio Communities that it is a zoned a C1 and that will affect our remodel entice future tenants into that building. I will be on the docket for February 2.

Adjourn

- Motion made by Secretary Good, Seconded by Member Adair. With a unanimous vote the Planning & Zoning meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Taken and transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Thomas Scroggins, Chairman

Melodie Good, Secretary

Scott Adair

Adelina (Lina) Benavidez

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Hello, my name is renee Mollineda.

I am a resident of Valencia County, and I am writing this letter in protest of bringing mining or manufacturing to Valencia county. There are a multitude of residency's here on well water the risk is greater than the benefit.

Thank you for your time.

Renee Mollineda

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I am totally against the rezoning of this land for heavy industrial use. Rio Communities residents already deal with the odor from Mesa oil that's not even in the city. This type of heavy industrial use should be done far enough away from the city where the effects are minimal at best.

Richard Henderson
Hillandale area
505 859 2308

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this email to express our strong opposition to the request for a rezoning for a Planned Development to a Commercial 3 and Industrial 3 zone on the south and west ends of San Lucas and Nancy Lopez in Rio Communities.

First off, as residents and property owners in Rio Communities, it came as a surprise to me and my mother, and an overwhelming majority of our neighbors in Rio Communities, to recently hear that these beautiful, peaceful and natural lands with views of the Manzano Mountains that surround our neighborhoods might be rezoned to allow for oil processing, commercial development, factories, and heavy industrial sites. On Jan 5th, Ms. Cathryn Reese, who represents Cibola Land Corporation, a benefactor of this proposal, stated that the eyesore of such development would be blocked by "shrubs, trees or a possible jogging path". This is laughable, especially since there could potentially be only 100 feet separating those Heavy Industry plants from our property lines. I am shocked and somewhat suspicious that as some of the people that would be most impacted by this proposal, we have never been notified by anyone from the Planning and Zoning commission. We have only recently heard of this proposal by word of mouth from our neighbors in Rio Communities.

A primary concern many of us have is the potential for air, water and noise pollution. We are currently dealing with the gas fumes that Mesa Oil spews each night, when Mesa Oil purges the built up gases in their factory. Last Friday, many people in Rio Communities evacuated their homes to get away from the toxic fumes, or stayed inside their homes and suffered headaches and nausea. It is a great concern that rezoning the beautiful land surrounding our homes will leave us more vulnerable than we already are. Another issue that does not seem to be adequately considered is the noise. The topography of the area consists of sand, sage brush, tumble weeds and a big open sky. A jogging path or trees and bushes along the perimeter of the proposed Heavy Industry zone will do nothing to absorb or hide the noises that a heavy industrial site will create. The potential for additional air, water and noise pollution would be unacceptable for our rural community.

Finally, decisions like this are supposed to be made in concert and in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the adopted Land Use Plan. Our Rio Communities' Comprehensive Plan clearly states that areas for i-3 Heavy Industrial should be on NEWLY ANNEXED areas along Hwy 304 south of town. Indeed, you must know the Land Use Plan shows the area under proposal here is a "Planned Unit Development" for HOUSING....NOT for INDUSTRIAL use. This proposal for Heavy Industry is in direct conflict with the city's Comprehensive Plan which you are supposed to follow. This proposal is nothing less than "spot zoning", which is illegal.

Please strike this proposal down. Put your community and our fragile desert environment first, and especially before the profits of the Cibola Land Corporation.

Thank you,

Maria Gonzales and Eulalia Gonzales

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January 19, 2023

Chairman Scroggins, Vice-Chairman Fernandez, Secretary Good, Member Adair and Member Rubin
Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission
360 Rio Communities Blvd.
Rio Communities, NM 87002

Re: Cibola Land Corporation application to rezone Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

Thank you for the hard work you do as public servants. I am writing today to request that your commission deny Cibola Land Corporation's request to change 39 acres to Commercial 3 and 252 acres to Industrial 3 as these changes have potential health impacts for your community.

I am a medical doctor and serve families who live in communities impacted by industrial development. As you review the possible uses for the Industrial 3 zone, it is important as the gatekeepers for your community to think about the potential impacts from oil and gas extraction, auto wrecking yards, petroleum storage, asphalt production or heavy manufacturing. By example, the Mountain View Community in the South Valley of Albuquerque which experienced continuing expansion of industry next to their residential neighborhood has been constantly exposed to fumes of Carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), and heavy particulate matter. All these pollutants can and do affect the health of the people living near heavy industry.

We have watched here in NM, and nationally, the development of health problems when people live near these types of industrial uses. Oil and gas facilities, if the I3 rezoned land is used for them, can leak toxic gases. Studies show that people living close to these facilities experience increased rates of cancer, asthma, and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Auto salvage or wrecking yards, if that is the proposed use by the applicant, contain many hazardous materials including lead batteries, mercury from light switches, anti-freeze, Freon from cooling systems, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), asbestos found in the brake pads and lining of older cars, motor oil, and other heavy metals. These substances can cause ground pollution but also air pollution for your residents.

The health risks for Rio Communities depend on what the applicant proposes, but I urge you to insist that these issues be addressed before you approve a zone change. Adverse public health impacts in our communities are not the legacy we want to leave to our children. As a medical doctor, I urge you to protect your residents from heavy industrial uses.

Sincerely,

Angelo Tomedi, MD
Visiting Associate Professor
University of New Mexico
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Albuquerque, NM

Questions for P&Z January 19, 2023 public meeting to consider zoning changes proposed by Harvey Yates, landowner of the industrial park in the southern section of the city limits of Rio Communities

1. What rights does the Valencia County Natural Resource Overlay Zone give to Mr. Yates?
2. How does the State laws of the Energy Mineral and Natural Resource Department and U.S. Federal environmental protection laws affect Mr. Yates ability to manage his property?
3. How does Mr. Yates propose to protect my right as a resident and property owner in Rio Communities to clean affordable water? (his management above and below ground of his property?) How will he protect my right to clean air- with any proposed building of air polluting heavy manufacturing? How will he protect the roads/infrastructure (especially highway 47) with heavy equipment and manufacturing damaging roadways? How does he propose to deal with decreased property values of homes in Rio Communities if values go down with homes adjacent to auto junk yards, air polluting plants within the city limits of Rio Communities?
4. What safeguards have the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Council and Mayor of Rio Communities considered to protect residents from these forms of industrial pollution? How does the proposed zoning change fit with the comprehensive plan of the city of Rio Communities?

Submitted by

Kuan Tikkun

Resident of Rio Communities

January 18, 2023

Chairman Scroggins, Vice-Chairman Fernandez, Secretary Good, Member Adair and Member Rubin
Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission
360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002

Re: Cibola Land Corporation request to Rezone a Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

Please deny Cibola Land's request to change the zoning of approximately 39 acres from Planned Development to Commercial 3 and to change the zoning of approximately 252 acres from Planned Development to Industrial 3. A denial would be in accord with the vision and goals set out in the city's Comprehensive and Economic Development Plans.

When such a change is requested, this Commission must "consider all aspects of the request and balance the need for change against the impact on the Comprehensive Plan."¹ For good reason, the burden is on the applicant to show why a zoning change is needed from an approved Comprehensive Plan. Zoning decisions affect large numbers of persons and should reflect some public policy relating to matters that are permanent and general in character -- such that they shouldn't be made to appease one developer.²

Planning: Many reasons exist as to why this zoning change is not needed. To begin with, the City of Rio Communities' *Comprehensive Plan* is, among other charges, to

be a guide for "accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the municipality which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development." *Id.* at § 3-19-9(A).³

The zoning for the affected area is currently Planned Development. According to §4-3-11 of the Zoning Code, "the purpose of the Planned Development District is to promote flexibility in thought that encourages innovative development sensitive to surrounding land uses, community needs and the

¹ Article 15 Amendments To Zoning Code And Maps. 4-15-2 Zoning And Map Amendments, https://www.riocommunities.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/6601/ordinance_2021-76_ch_4_zoning_code.pdf

² *KOB-TV, L.L.C. v. City of Albuquerque*, 2005-NMCA-049, ¶ 19 (stating that legislative action "reflects some public policy relating to matters of a permanent or general character, is not usually restricted to identifiable persons or groups, and is usually prospective" (internal quotation marks and citation omitted))

Miles v. Bd. of Cnty. Comm'rs, 1998-NMCA-118, ¶ 12, 125 N.M. 608, 964 P.2d 169 (holding that the county was acting in its legislative capacity when it enacted a comprehensive zoning plan, saying, "the adoption of this comprehensive zoning ordinance . . . was of a character that is commonly described as a legislative act—a policy decision affecting a large number of persons and a vast area of land, based upon general criteria and not the details of any particular land owner")

³ City of Rio Communities Comprehensive Plan 2015, <https://riocommunitiesedc.net/COMPREHENSIVE%20PLAN.pdf>

natural environment." It is to include "4. A creative approach to land use and physical development" and "7. New or innovative concepts in land use not permitted by other zoning districts."⁴

Modifying the current land use to heavy commercial and/or industrial is not a new or innovative concept. Instead, it would remove the opportunity for visionary future development.

The zoning code requires that a heavy commercial zone "shall ensure compatibility of design with any adjacent residential development" (B. C-3). Surely a change in zoning would require at least as much. Allowing heavy commercial and industrial uses for such purposes as petrochemical and/or asphalt production or heavy manufacturing does not mesh with the publicly approved plans and zoning.

The County Assessor's map shows that many small parcels in the area are owned by several different owners. Has everyone in the region, whether in the County or the City, been notified of this request to make major modifications to the Zone Map?

Expanding the heavy industrial and commercial areas well beyond what is included in the Zoning Map counters the new slogan, *Endless Views. Endless Opportunities*.⁵

Modifying approved existing zoning impacts many who likely purchased and developed their property relying on this zoning. Allowing heavy industry right next door is not likely to increase property values. Close to the parcels sought to be changed is "the only golf course in Valencia County. This was the largest accomplishment of the original developers of the city."⁶ Depending on what is planned, noxious odors may waft across not only houses but the greens!

Heavy commercial and/or industrial zones have been already been approved as can be seen on the current Zoning Map (see page 5). Are they full? If not, why allow industrial sprawl to the detriment of the current plan?

Moreover, there is an Industrial Park literally next door (see County Assessor's Parcel Map on page 6), with access and utilities, including water. As the *Economic Development Plan* makes clear, the goal is to annex and expand that rather than repurpose the Planned Development area.

10-B-6-1 Rio Grande Industrial Park

Rio Grande Industrial Park was built as the Rio Communities Industrial Park for the city of Rio Communities by the Horizon Corporation. Horizon Corporation was a land development company that also designed and build the city of Rio Communities. The park has been part of unincorporated Valencia County since it was built. It lies contiguous to the southern border of Rio Communities.

The Rio Grande Industrial Park ... [has] 15 unoccupied parcels that totals 188.64 acres. The unoccupied

⁴ Chapter 4 of Municipal Ordinances, Ordinance 2021-76, <https://www.riocommunities.net/ordinances/ordinance-2021-76-chapter-4-zoning>

⁵ <http://riocommunitiesedc.net/>. Might Tierra Grande Association members be impacted as well?

⁶ 10-B-5-3, *Economic Development Plan*, Ordinance No: 2018-62, <https://www.riocommunities.net/ordinances/ordinance-2018-62-ch-10-part-b-economic-development-plan>; Also, "10-B-3-3 Golf Course - Having the only golf course in the county has added to our visibility and property value increases."

land has nearby electricity, water and sewer. ... The park has a railroad spur owned and operated by BNSF Railroad, with frequent service to park companies. Active development of the remaining parcels is underway.

10-B-7 Economic Development Goals

10-B-7-5 Rio Grande Industrial Park

Expand Rio Grande Industrial Park through annexation and marketing for the benefit of Rio Communities.

Strategy: Accelerate annexation plans.⁷

Implementing this goal and the *Economic Development Plan* overall means that the application must be denied.

Public Health: There are a huge number of potential harms to public health which are likely to be seen if heavy commercial and/or industrial operations are expanded. Consider nearby examples of what happens when large tracts of land are rezoned for heavy industrial use. After Bernalillo County did so, asphalt plants, auto wrecking yards, and jet fuel storage all moved to the South Valley, saddling the Mountain View Neighborhood, a community along the Rio Grande just north of the Pueblo of Isleta, with multiple health consequences.

The Mountain View community is consistently inflicted with toxic and hazardous pollution from High Industrial Businesses, which includes: Emissions / fumes of carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), Total Suspended Particulate (TSP), Particulate Matter < 10 Microns (PM-10), Particulate Matter < 2.5 Microns (PM-2.5), and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP).⁸

Public health risks will depend on what is proposed, but such questions must be asked and answered now, before any zone change is approved.

Water? The question of water availability --even if to be supplied by New Mexico Water Services Company⁹-- must be posed, given the ongoing issues with Rio Grande Compact Compliance, lack of

⁷ *Rio Communities recently adopted a new slogan, "Spectacular Views, Endless Opportunities."*

City of Rio Communities prioritizing economic development

Clara Garcia, editor | Jan 20, 2022 | <https://news-bulletin.com/city-of-rio-communities-prioritizing-economic-development>

While the Rio Grande Industrial Park, south of Rio Communities, is in the unincorporated county, Mims said it's the dream that one day it will be part of the city.

"The Rio Grande Industrial Park is a place where we can draw economic-based jobs, industry, manufacturing, warehousing, full-scale facilities. What is good about the industrial park is it creates jobs and creates commerce in the community."

Mims also says there's a lot of commercial and residential properties in the city that can be developed, and 90 percent of Rio Communities is in an opportunity zone. ...

Mims said he is working with investors to come into Rio Communities to do residential housing, retail, maybe two or three strip malls and manufacturing — all within the opportunity zone.

⁸ <https://www.abqjournal.com/2404174/is-citys-industrial-sacrifice-zone.html>. <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/stop-the-asphalt-assault-in-the-mountain-view-neighborhood>. Also, *Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking and Associated Gas and Oil Infrastructure*, April 2022, CHPNY-Compendium-8-FINAL.pdf

⁹ https://www.newmexicowater.com/about/system-information/rio_comm

water for irrigation, climactic changes, drought, etc. While the Industrial Park is already served, will the Water Services Company be able to supply additional heavy commercial and/or industrial users in the Cibola Land parcels as well? Obviously, this will depend on what is specifically being proposed, but such questions must be asked and answered now, before any zone change is approved.

Such water usage and purpose have to also be considered on a regional scale.

To begin with, Harvey Yates, who owns Cibola Land, is not making this zone change request in a vacuum. Yates, as President of Jalapeno Corp, helped to draft a new zone ordinance to enable him to explore for oil and gas in Valencia County.¹⁰ The ordinance allows developers to apply for exploratory surface and subsurface mineral development in the county without changing existing zoning on targeted properties.

This seems absurd. Especially if successful, subsurface mineral development won't end with an exploratory well. As others have pointed out, you need big drilling equipment, trucks or pipelines to carry the resulting liquids away; roads for the trucks to access the wells and pipelines; and locations to store and refine the products. All of that leads to further heavy industrial development and in practical terms, changes the surface land use -- for miles around. A zoning change would enable such activities.

Non-conventional drilling, also known as fracking, and petrochemical production use vast amounts of water. According to USGS, water use per well can be anywhere from about 1.5 million gallons to about 16 million gallons.¹¹ Is Cibola Land's request being made in part to access water service inside the city limits?

Furthermore, such drilling creates a by-product called Produced Water --fluid that is an incidental byproduct of drilling or the production of natural gas-- which carries the possibility that chemicals remain in the fluid. Whether it seeps into the aquifer or is reused, there are concerns about its safety. According to geologist Don Phillips:

The Rio Grande Rift is very slowly pulling apart, each new movement sending fault lines from the surface and through an aquifer to the greatest depths of the basement rock. Already, the rift is seismically active and its strata fragile, much like the layers of a croissant.

In the Albuquerque Basin, ... aquifers filter water through the delicate fault lines. If fracked, high-pressure fluid could easily rupture the strata, sending chemicals into the aquifer. Disposing of waste fluid, meanwhile, would induce earthquakes.¹²

¹⁰ *Longtime New Mexico oilman hopes to drill in Valencia County*; Kevin Robinson-Avila; May 31, 2022; <https://www.abqjournal.com/2503935/yates-seeks-oil-and-gas-in-valencia-county.html>. *Valencia County to reconsider opening door to oil, gas development*; Kevin Robinson-Avila and Matthew Narvaiz; May 31, 2022, Updated: June 1, 2022; <https://www.abqjournal.com/2503931/valencia-county-to-reconsider-measure-that-opens-door-to-oil-gas-development.html>. *New Mexico county to ease oil and gas drilling rules despite new evidence of health dangers* - A move by the Valencia County Commission surprises the public and helps a major donor; Jerry Redfern, Capital & Main, May 26, 2022, <https://sourcenm.com/2022/05/26/new-mexico-county-to-ease-oil-gas-drilling-rules-despite-new-evidence-of-health-dangers/>

¹¹ <https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/how-much-water-does-typical-hydraulically-fractured-well-require>

¹² *Magnate opus: The power plays of Harvey Yates* - For 50 years, the oil mogul has dreamed of drilling Valencia County and getting ink in New Mexico. This year, he hit paydirt, by Alicia Inez Guzmán, Searchlight New Mexico, December 8, 2022, <https://searchlightnm.org/magnate-opus-the-power-plays-of-harvey-yates>

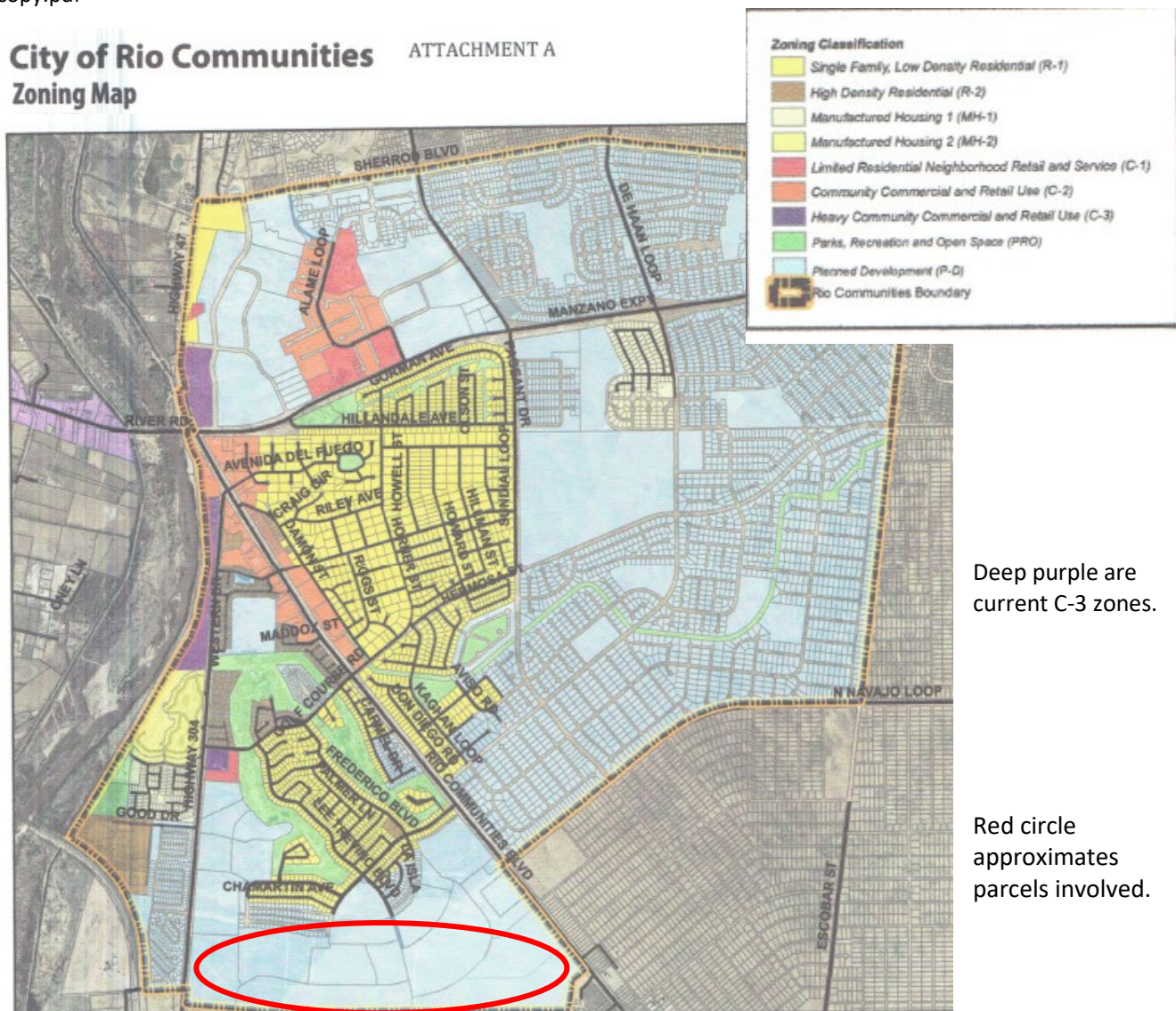
Again, these regional concerns will depend on what is specifically being proposed, but such questions must be asked and answered now, before any zone change is approved.

Clearly, after considering the request and balancing the need for change against the impact on the Comprehensive Plan, Cibola Land's request to modify the zoning map must be denied.

Thank you for your service,

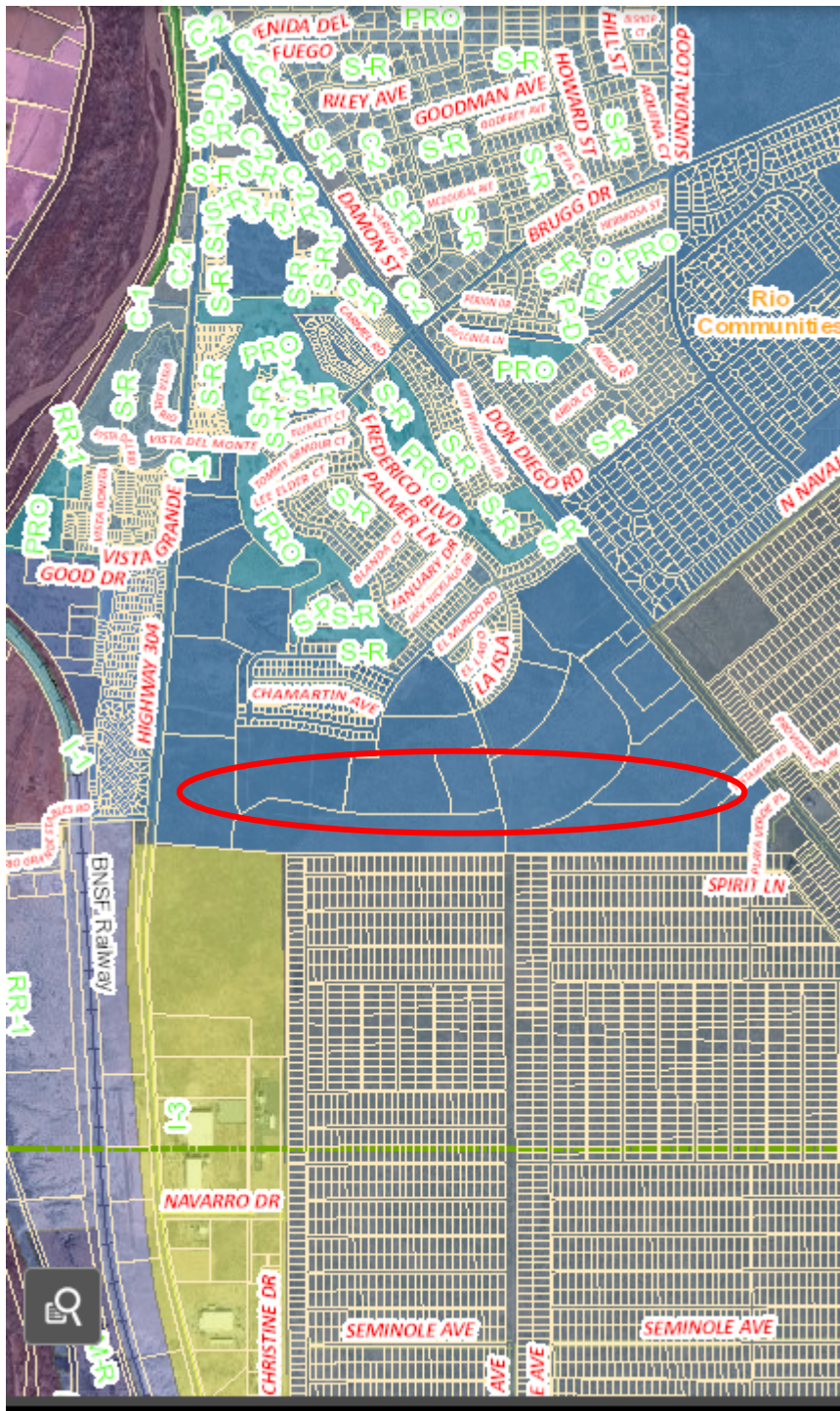
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<https://www.riocommunities.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/1111/rio-communities-zoning-map-copy.pdf>



County Parcel Map shows location of Industrial Park

<https://arcgis2.co.valencia.nm.us/parcelmap/>



Yellow area is Industrial Park.

Red circle approximates parcels involved.

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Re: Cibola Land Corporation application for a re-zoning from Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone (two parcels) and Industrial 3 zone (nine parcels)

Dear Chairman Scroggins and Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposed changes to the City of Rio Communities Zoning Ordinance for the reasons set out in this letter. Based on the information contained in the meeting agenda, the applicant is seeking the following changes:

- Two parcels currently zoned as Planned Development to be zoned Heavy Community Commercial and Retail Use (C-3), permitting uses described in the Zoning Ordinance §4-3-8. *See, attached Appendix, pages 1 – 2.*
- Nine parcels currently zoned as Planned Development to be zoned Heavy Industrial (I-3), permitting uses described in the Zoning Ordinance §4-3-10. *See, attached Appendix, pages 3 – 11.*

1. Application for two parcels to be zoned Heavy Community Commercial and Retail Use (C-3).

Pages 1 and 2 of the attached Appendix show the proximity of the proposed C-3 parcels to existing homes and areas currently zoned for residential development.

The Rio Communities zoning ordinance at §4-3-8(C)(3a – s) provides examples of permitted uses within a C-3 zone.

3. Examples of Permitted C-3 businesses are:
- a. Apartments
 - b. Auditoriums
 - c. Auto & Camper Sales, Service and Repair
 - d. Automotive Equipment and Rental

- e. Automobile Body & Repair Shop (Not permitted within one-hundred (100) feet of any residential zone)
- f. Bus or Motor Freight Terminals (Only when located on an arterial street or highway as designated on the City Street Plan)
- g. Construction or Contractors Yard (Yard shall be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion and enclosed by a fence at least six (6) feet in height except that the height shall be limited to three (3) feet above the street-curb within twenty-five (25) feet of a street intersection)
- h. Drive-in Theater
- i. Dry Cleaning & Steam Cleaning Facility
- j. Farm & Ranch Products & Supplies
- k. Firewood sales (more than 5 cords on site)
- l. Heavy Equipment Repair & Service
- m. Insulation Shop
- n. Kennel (Commercial)
- o. Plumbing and Heating Shop
- p. Roofing and Sheet Metal Shops
- q. Smoke Shop
- r. Taxicab Transportation
- s. Welding: Welding shall be permitted in the C-3 zone. Welding uses shall be approved by the Fire Department and shall be in accord with any other provisions of the Municipal Code.

The eastern half of the parcel numbered A2 in the Appendix (UPC 1009026375140000000) abuts an area of residential development of both established homes and lots still to be developed. Allowing heavy community commercial and retail development adjacent to those neighboring residential areas imposes an unreasonable aesthetic burden and will likely result in a negative financial impact to those property owners. *See, Appendix at page 2.*

2. Application for nine parcels to be zoned Heavy Industrial (I-3).

Pages 3 – 11 of the attached Appendix show the proximity of the nine proposed I-3 parcels to existing homes and other areas currently zoned for residential development.

The Rio Communities zoning ordinance at §4-3-10(1 – 7) provides some examples of permitted uses in I-3 zoning:

- 1. meat packing – no slaughtering or rendering
- 2. manufacture of clay products, brick, tile and cement
- 3. community or municipal water supply system
- 4. heavy manufacturing
- 5. feed mills, grain elevators and seed cleaning plants
- 6. petroleum or liquefied petroleum gas bulk plants
- 7. similar uses in character, scale and performance with similar odor, noise, air, water and traffic impacts on neighboring properties

None of the above-listed examples – nor any others allowable under I-3 – are appropriate in close proximity to the neighboring residential properties. Allowing those uses near existing residences and to properties currently zoned for residential development is at odds with the Comprehensive Plan. *See, Appendix at pages 3 – 11.*

The following goals adopted in the Comprehensive Plan mitigate against approving the application before the Commission.

§5-4-4.10 Develop a retail stabilization and improvement plan for the city and surrounding area. The plan should comply with the Zoning Code to ensure proper grouping of compatible types of business operations.

§5-4-9.02 Encourage future development that is commensurate with surrounding areas one-of-kind housing options.

§5-4-11.11 Develop trails for running, jogging and walking either as stand-alone facilities or part of a recreational complex.

§5-4-11.12 Add picnic sites and parks designed for all ages, including very small children.

Currently, the parcels at issue in the application are classified as Planned Development under §4-3-11 of the Zoning Code. Initially, Planned Development functions as a placeholder category with guidelines to be considered and proposed by the municipal zoning authority once it receives an application to change the zoning map.

According to the Zoning Ordinance, a viable Planned Development should consider and propose:

- Open spaces and recreation areas;
- A pattern of development that preserves natural vegetation, natural topography and geologic features that prevents soil erosion;
- An environment of stable character in harmony with surrounding development.

Rio Communities Zoning Ordinance §4-3-11(B).

In this case, granting the applicant's proposed change to I-3 is likely to:

- subject the owners of neighboring residential properties to negative financial impacts on what is likely their single most valuable investment;
- impose negative aesthetic and quality of life burdens on the neighboring residential properties;
- result in a missed opportunity to anticipate future needs of Rio Communities for school construction, additional residential development, parks, and open spaces; and
- needlessly add industrial zoning to an existing surplus of land currently zoned for industrial use in and near Rio Communities.

3. Did the commission provide to the public adequate notice of the proposed changes to the zoning map?

The Rio Communities Comprehensive Plan requires 14-day notification on all city initiatives.

§5-4-1.05 To encourage public input and ensure adequate lead-time, the City shall post conspicuously at public locations, and at least fourteen (14) days before, notification on information concerning all City initiatives.

Do the proposed changes to the zoning map constitute a city initiative? If so, it appears that the Commission published notice of the proposed changes less than 14 days prior to the scheduled hearing. State law requires that regulations and restrictions of the county or municipal zoning authority are to be in accordance with a comprehensive plan. *NMSA § 3-21-5(A)*. If the publication did not comply with the public notification provision in the Comprehensive Plan, then the Commission should not conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning changes, nor should any decision be made until the zoning authority publishes notice of the proposed changes in accordance with the law.

I again request that you reject the proposed changes to the zoning code I have outlined above. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Guy Dicharry

I, AS A RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER in Rio Communities am extremely concerned about a zone change. I am **absolutely against a zone change** allowing Cibola Land Corporation any access to the land, commercial 3 zone, 253 Acres; changing 9 parcels of land to heavy industrial and two to heavy commercial.

Residents of Rio Communities have had virtually no information dispersed , little notification of the meeting on January 19, 2023, or time to enter their thoughts, comments, consideration; let alone, any time for facts and information gathering. This appears to be an effort to keep local citizens ignorant with no say in the matter and to sneak in a change of zoning for the benefit of Cibola Land Corporation.

I do not want any heavy manufacturing, storage of petroleum gas, auto wrecking yards, asphalt production plants, facilities for production of oil or natural gas or other hydrocarbons, cement manufacturing or concrete plants or industries similar to waste recycling, any heavy industry similar to character, scale and performance with noise, odor, fouling of air, water or local traffic in any way. The zoning areas in question are entirely too close to existing residential, play, walking areas for people, pets of Rio Communities. The activities of Cibola Land Corporation appear counter to the health and general welfare of the residents of Rio Communities. I walk in this area, ride my bicycle and know several other neighbors who do so also. One neighbor takes his dog daily to exercise in the area.

Any such rezoning poses serious risks:

Health—the proximity of any potential heavy industry or manufacturing, storage, production, recycling can cause air pollution, water pollution, aquifer and Rio Grande pollution. The river is .68 miles from the zoning area.

Water demands would be huge with water availability and consumption precious for ALL.

Contamination is possible from heavy metals if an auto wrecking yard were allowed to be present.

Noise pollution is assured from manufacturing and truck traffic increase or any other traffic allowed in relation to manufacturing or plants allowed to be present.

Hindrance of the natural views, habitats for local wildlife would be destroyed.

I implore, in the most emphatic way possible, that the planning and zoning membership **DENY this change in zoning for the safety and health, wellbeing and welfare of the residents of Rio Communities.**

What do we gain by the rezoning? We have much to lose.

Linda Zaragoza

Resident, Property owner Rio Communities over 20 years



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Re: Change in Cibola Land Corporation Properties Zoning Designation

To Whom It May Concern,

The Pueblo of Isleta submits this written comment expressing its opposition to the rezoning of the Cibola Land Corporation properties from residential and planned development zones to Heavy Industrial (I-3) and Heavy Commercial (C-3). The Pueblo of Isleta ("Pueblo") is extremely concerned about the proposal to rezone 252 acres of land in Rio Communities to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land uses. This change in zoning designation would threaten the air and water quality and quality of life on and near the Pueblo's Reservation, including the Comanche Ranch. The Pueblo writes to you today to address the Pueblo's concerns about Cibola Land Corporation's application to re-zone these properties and express our strong opposition. Thank you for this opportunity to share the Pueblo's concerns with you.

The Isleta people have lived on and used the Pueblo's current lands and surrounding areas for centuries, long before the first Spanish explorers arrived. The areas in and around Rio Communities are lands where our ancestors lived, worked, worshipped, played, and engaged in all the other activities of life for centuries, and so adjacent lands have historical and cultural significance to us. Our members, who mostly live on and near the Pueblo, continue to engage in traditional lifeways on and near the Pueblo, including gathering plants for traditional medicine and ceremonies.

The proposed zoning change from residential and planned development to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land uses will adversely impact the Pueblo of Isleta, which neighbors Rio Communities to the north and west. The activities permitted by heavy industrial zoning include heavy manufacturing, asphalt production, and oil, gas, and hydrocarbon production. *Rio Communities Zoning Ordinance 4-3-10*. The proposed zoning designation

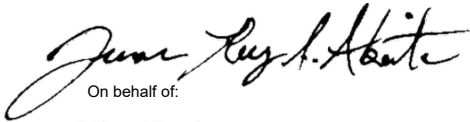
change does not conform with the Rio Communities Comprehensive Plan, which requires appropriate land use that considers community design and protects natural resources. *City of Communities Comprehensive Plan* (2015)
<https://www.riocommunities.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/1091/ch-5-comprehensive-plan.pdf>. Heavy industrial and heavy commercial land use will lead to air pollution, noise, pollution, and increased traffic for the neighboring community and the Pueblo of Isleta. Additionally, heavy industrial land use will lead to contamination of our land, aquifer, and shared ground water, as well as the Rio Grande, which is less than a mile from the property.

The Pueblo is continually forced to conform to the squeeze of development, including the industrial and commercial land uses in neighboring communities, which have caused and continue to cause pollution of our air, water, and lands. Like many tribal and other minority communities across the country, we have been disproportionately affected by sources of pollution, which are more often located near our lands and communities than others'. Pollution also affects us disproportionately because it harms plant and animal life which support our cultural and religious practices, and because many of our members suffer from the impacts of generational poverty or trauma imposed on us, which make our members more susceptible to disease. And, like the rest of the world, we are feeling the impacts of the climate crisis, which is changing long-term weather patterns and increasing extreme weather events. Because climate change negatively affects people and the natural world, it also magnifies the harms to us from increased pollution

For the above reasons, we ask for the Rio Communities Governing Body to deny the Cibola Land Corporation application to rezone 252 acres to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land use.

Lastly, the Pueblo is aware that Cibola Land Corporation or any additional entities that seek to develop these properties will need to apply for additional licenses and permits in order to move forward with any constructions. If Rio Communities receives any such license or permits related to these properties, we ask that you inform the Pueblo and make high-level staff available for government-to-government consultation with the Pueblo on those applications, as well as whatever public participation you solicit under applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,
 PUEBLO OF ISLETA



On behalf of:

Max Zuni
 Governor

Cc: Lindsay K. Cutler, Legal Counsel, Pueblo of Isleta
 Emily J. Soli, Legal Counsel, Pueblo of Isleta

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Re: Cibola Land Corporation request to Rezone a Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

I am a mother, photographer, and someone who has been able to spend time and interview people in the Mountain View Neighborhood of the South Valley.

I have listened to their stories about how the cumulative impacts of industry—asphalt plants, auto wrecking yards, and bulk storage of petroleum products— have impacted their health—from increased childhood asthma to lower life expectancy. The impacts of air pollution are well documented in medical literature.

Rio Communities can plan development that nurtures the community—whether that be retirement facilities, healthcare or other creative and innovative ways to offer residents healthy surroundings and preserve the beautiful views and nature that is part of Rio Communities.

I cannot imagine having heavy industry—the truck traffic, noise and light pollution in my backyard. This is being proposed 50 feet from homes. Will those children be breathing in fumes from the industry in their backyard? Is this what we want for future generations? As Planning and Zoning Commissioners, you have a duty and responsibility to the next generations to thrive.

Please deny Cibola Land's request to change the zoning of approximately 39 acres from Planned Development to Commercial 3 and to change the zoning of approximately 252 acres from Planned Development to Industrial 3. A denial would be in accord with the vision and goals set out in the city Comprehensive and Economic Development Plans.

Thank you,
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Dear Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission,

January 18th, 2023

Public Comment on the matter before you regarding:

a) Cibola Land Corporation: Commercial 3 zone: Proposed Location: UPC 1009026375240000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 5 11.52 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1009026375140000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 7 27.26 ACRES 1994 SPLIT

b) Cibola Land Corporation: Industrial 3 zone: Proposed Location: UPC: 1010026145085000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 12 14.29 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1010026270120000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 14 19.56 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1010026294187000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: SOUTH PORTION OF PARCEL 15 5.65 ACRES 2006 SPLIT, UPC 1010026397131000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PORTION OF PARCEL 16 REMAINING 16.44 ACRES 2006 REV, UPC 1010026320050000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 19 54.00 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1010026195020000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 20 12.84 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1010026195020000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 20 12.84 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1009026490035000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 22 35.56 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1009026365015000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 23 33.40 ACRES 1994 SPLIT, UPC 1010025060475000000 Subd: PLAYA ESTATES Tract: PARCEL 24 47.01 ACRES 1994 SPLIT

Common Ground Rising, a citizen advocacy group, asks that you deny the application for Cibola Land, owned by Harvey Yates, who is requesting to rezone 252 acres of open land from R1 and PD (residential and “planned development” zones) to Heavy Industrial (I-3) and Heavy Commercial (C-3). This land is 0.68 ($\frac{2}{3}$) miles from the Rio Grande. Nine parcels of land would be zoned to Heavy Industrial and two to Heavy Commercial.

We are asking you to take a precautionary approach to your decision making and include a disparate social impact report because of the environmental economic health impacts that this ordinance change will cause on majority minority communities in the regions.

We are requesting that a ‘Economic Health and Social Disparity Report’ be done to address what impacts this would have on the communities. Some of those environmental impacts include, fine particles, sometimes called soot, can penetrate deep into the lungs and can result in serious health effects that include asthma attacks, heart attacks, dementia and premature death – disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations including children, older adults, those with heart or lung conditions, as well as communities of color and low-income communities throughout the United States. An example, in Albuquerque, an ordinance approval for heavy industrial and commercial has permitted major health and environmental impacts in the South Valley that has detrimental impact to the community. These particles emitted directly from a sources, such as construction sites, unpaved roads, fields, smokestacks, vapor clouds or fires; other particles form in the atmosphere as a result of complex reactions of chemicals such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, which are pollutants emitted from gas and energy plants, industrial facilities, asphalt paving facility, cement factories and vehicles. There are thousands of new scientific studies that have demonstrated the dangers of soot exposure. You should be requesting a report to address disparities and protect public health, at a minimum to show your concern. There are several [tools](#) available to look at the [social environmental economic impacts](#) of your decision. One such tool is the [Compendium on Safety and health risk of fracking](#) should be a bellwether on your decision making because Harvey Yates has told many that he intends to frack in this area.

There is virtually no enforcement by the State or federal government if you allow this industrial siting. The fossil fuel industries [self-reported, "excess" emissions](#), **1,341 times in the past 12 months no one was fined, yet, the health impacts continue**. You are opening the door to the gates of misery for your community. Not only impacting your water supply but potentially the water supply of perched aquifers throughout the basin. The argument that the state will oversee and enforce is false.

On Jan 13, 2023, Mesa Oil's release of toxic fumes caused serious health and safety concerns, this should be your wake up call. It was evident by the lack of the appropriate responses, such as health alerts, evacuation plans, staging areas for search and rescue, and notice to the community that the City of Rio Communities, residents, businesses, schools, prisons, hospitals, the city of Las Lunas and County of Valencia is not prepared for the risks to public health and safety of the families they are responsible for, and should not approve an ordinance change for this type of heavy industrial site.

In the United States the particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5) causes: [up to 4,200 premature deaths per year](#); 270,000 lost workdays per year; results in as much as \$43 billion in net health benefits in 2032. Do you know what impacts this heavy industry will impose on your budgets? How many in your community will you risk in premature deaths? If the workers are not healthy they are not working, and this impacts whether family members are ill as well. Mr Yates, two requests for this ordinance change does not give him or his partnerships the right to destroy the ecology, degrade the environment and impose health hazards for profit.

Heavy Industrial Zoning does not fit with the comprehensive plan of Rio Communities.

Residents have been kept in the dark and were only notified 6 days ago about rezoning. The law puts the burden on citizens to file a lawsuit if impacted. The lack of transparency in this process and, at the County, the shading after midnight approvals when the overwhelming community said NO, shows the capitulation to Industry by the city or the county and risks being sued.

This is the planning and zoning chance to do the Social Disparity Screenings, the economic health and social impact reports, the air dispersion modeling and to hold meetings in the communities to listen to their concerns. Vote down this application and do your due diligence.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Elaine Cimino

Director of Common Ground Rising

505 604-9772

January 17, 2023

I/we are writing to you in response to what we have recently been informed of in regard to the issue of new "Industrial Zoning" of properties located near Rio Communities. I am a certified federal firefighter with more than 25 years of experience in that profession and have large concerns over this and how it would pertain to the safety of the community and its residents.

I have heard that there is a possibility of one of these new businesses serving in the capacity of "Petroleum and/or Natural Gas" production. With that in mind, I have the important question of whether or not our local firefighters are properly certified and qualified to handle and mitigate an incident involving such hazardous chemicals? Furthermore, do we have enough firefighting personnel and equipment to accommodate such a task of battling a large industrial fire?

Even at the Federal level, if we have a large hazardous materials incident, we have to notify the New Mexico State HAZMAT Team, which I believe is the 64th CST, so that they can decide if they need to take command of the incident.

Also of grave concern is the fact that any of these processes and facilities are more than likely going to be located relatively close to actual residential areas and housing which could potentially place unaffiliated persons at high risk in regard to their lives and/or property.

We feel that this plan and these issues should be vetted at the highest levels of authority, i.e. the State of New Mexico, or even at the Federal level, before being allowed to proceed and place our community and its citizens at risk.

Respectfully,

Preston Harris and Sofia Harris
305 Pueblo Nuevo Drive
Rio Communities, New Mexico 87002

Signatures:

Preston M. Harris, Jr. 

Soafia A. Harris 

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City of Rio Communities

Lalena Aragon
Deputy Clerk

From: [Lynn Eubank](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: object to rezoning request
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I strongly object to the rezoning request by Harvey Yates to reclassify 252 acres of open land near the Rio Grande in Valencia County from R1/PD to Heavy Industrial (I-3) and Heavy Commercial (C-3). This request involves land that is very close to the backyards of existing homes (within 30 feet) and permits air pollution, water pollution, and heavy metal pollution from asphalt production, production of petroleum hydrocarbons, and cement manufacturing. It is completely out of character with Rio Communities and surrounding areas, and it will likely reduce the life expectancy of residents by making the area into a dumping ground for heavy industry.

Lynn Eubank
Valencia County, NM
lynneubank@yahoo.com

From: [martha saiz](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Planning and Zoning discussion 01/19/23
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Greetings, this letter is for the discussion tomorrow. Thank you!!

01/18/2023

To: City of Rio Communities City Council and Mr. Mayor
From: Martha Saiz
1607 Ben Hogan Loop, Rio Communities, NM 87002
RE: City Council meeting regarding Planning and Zoning

Dear Council and Mr. Mayor,

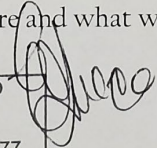
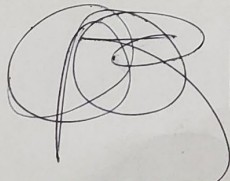
Greetings all. My name is Martha Saiz, me and my family have lived in our beautiful neighborhood for the last 2 years and 2 months. We are a family of 6 at our residence, and absolutely love our home, neighborhood, and community. Our community gives us and our children a safe, secure, quite area to grow and live to our full potential. My fiancée and I picked this area due to the beauty and safety it offers and provides that is in my opinion a higher quality than surrounding areas of real estate. I have not regretted our purchase thus far and I am shocked and worried recently by learning of the possible change of zoning to industrial at literally outside our front door being our front door faces south.

I am definitely all for "growth and development" in our small town, however I can't believe that the area in mind is up for this kind of zoning development. In my opinion we have our fair share of industrial as it is with the unpleasant smells coming from Mesa Oil, I couldn't and wouldn't even want to think of even more! Commercial zoning such as stores, businesses and the such would give us the gross receipts revenue that we need to continue to help our town is what we need. We need a good mix of commercial, multifamily, and residential in order to continue to grow as a whole. The area of land that is wanting to be re-zoned was not I-3 when the developer bought so that land owner knew full well that it was residential. Why should it be allowable to make this industrial area in our beautiful area, the area that is really quite honestly the "more upscale" part of our small town?

You all as councilors, and Mayor are suppose to be the voice for OUR community. I am sure that I am not the only one who is worried about this decision. We have our homes, our families, children and grand-children here. I would seriously hate to think that this beautiful area could be a heavy traffic, foul smelling industrial area in the future to come. We bought our home with the intent to live years and years to come, and now that dream could be realistically compromised.

Please think twice about this decision, think of the future and what we want for our community.

Sincerely,



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NOTARY PUBLIC
ELIZABETH LUGO
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From: tsdecherif@aol.com
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Planning and Zoning matter
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My name is Teresa Smith de Cherif. I am the Vice Chair of the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District. I am writing today in my personal capacity.

I write to oppose the request from Cibola Land Corporation to the Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the Planned Development parcels to Commercial 3 and 9 other parcels to Industrial 3 zones.

I specifically request that the petition from Cibola Land Corporation be tabled until your Planning and Zoning Board can perform its due diligence by undertaking consultations with appropriate and concerned entities, including the Pueblos of Isleta and Laguna (because there are significant Native American archaeological resources in the immediate area), the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (which owns nearby land), and the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (because the District owns a large Conservation area adjacent to the properties in question). The District, in particular, has enjoyed very productive relations with the City of Rio Communities and can be an important consulting partner on this matter, if requested.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Smith de Cherif

From: [Elisabeth Dicharry](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Please oppose or table the rezoning changes requested by Cibola Land Corp
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:06:59 AM

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Dear Planning and Zoning Chairman and Members,

Please oppose or table the Cibola Land Corporation's request to RC Planning and Zoning for a rezoning from a Planned Development to Commercial 3 (2 parcels) and Industrial 3 (9 parcels) zones. I am asking that you oppose or table these zone changes for the following reasons:

1. A denial would be in accord with the vision and goals set out in the Comprehensive and Economic Development Plans. Cibola Land Corporation's requests apply to the zoning of approximately 39 acres from Planned Development to Commercial 3 and to approximately 252 acres from Planned Development to Industrial 3. The zoning for the affected area is currently Planned Development. According to §4-3-11 of the Zoning Code, the purpose of the Planned Development District is to promote flexibility in thought that encourages innovative development sensitive to surrounding land uses, community needs and the natural environment.

2. When looking at the parcel maps where the changes are being requested, there are many occupied residences and still to be occupied properties. Many people who bought land in the area rely upon the notion that it would be a residential area, not an area filled with industrial equipment and manufacturing. The population of Rio Communities will grow over the next decade.

3. The Rio Grande Industrial Park already exists and was built as the Rio Communities Industrial Park for the city of Rio Communities by the Horizon Corporation.

4. For Commercial 3 and Industrial 3 zoning the following could become significant problems for the residents of Rio Communities including:

- roads damaged by large trucks
- damaging the aesthetics/beauty of the community
- storage of manufacturing/commercial equipment, not unlike what we see in the south valley near 2nd street and along Broadway St in Albuquerque
- bulk storage of petroleum and liquefied petroleum gas,
- auto wrecking yards,
- asphalt production plants,
- facilities for production of oil/natural gas/other hydrocarbons,
- cement manufacture and concrete plants, and
- industries like the existing Mesa Oil waste recycling plant
- any heavy industry "similar [in] use in character, scale and performance with

similar odor, noise, air, water, waste, and traffic impacts on neighboring properties”

- lack of enforcement of zoning and other standards that promote quality of life

5. In addition, the Rio Grande is a mere 0.68 miles away downhill from the proposed development area. In this area there is a large tract of land known as the Rio Abajo. This land is part of the Whitfield Conservation Area Complex managed by the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (VSWCD). It is open space, a conservation area for fauna and flora including migratory birds protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Act. The area contributes to the quality of life for all Valencia County residents. There are significant archaeological resources in the area as well. To my knowledge, there has not been consultation with VSWCD, Fish and Wildlife Service, the State, and Pueblos about these proposed zone changes.

6. There are multiple potential harms to public health which are likely to be seen if heavy commercial and/or industrial operations are expanded. Exposure to high levels of air pollution can cause a variety of adverse health outcomes including respiratory, cardiac, and immune system adverse effects. Many of the residents in Rio Communities are elderly and more prone to illness. Also, young families living in the area already stressed from financial woes and substandard housing do not need more exposure to toxins.

7. Residents of Rio Communities and the surrounding area have not been given specific information on businesses and industries that could be built if the area is rezoned as requested by Cibola Land Corporation. **I understand Rio Communities needs services. I support commercial development for roads, shopping areas, restaurants, educational facilities, day care, assisted living facilities, health care, and parks. As far as I know, the rezoning requests do not apply to any of these services.**

Please oppose or table the rezoning requested by the Cibola Land Corporation.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Dicharry, BSN,MS
Director, Wildlife Conservation Advocacy Southwest
A 501(c)(3) organization
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Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-269-6534 (c)
Lgdicharry@gmail.com
wcasouthwest@gmail.com

From: [Ron Faich](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Cc: [Valencia Water Watchers](#)
Subject: Proposed Rezoning Cibola Land for Harvey Yates
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 2:07:32 AM

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To the Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Committee:

I am deeply opposed to the request by Harvey Yates to rezone Cibola Land acreage in Rio Communities from R-1 and PD-1 to I-3 and C-3. Though I am not a resident of Valencia County, I believe the danger to the Rio Grande and wildlife resulting from drilling and heavy industry in the area outweighs any gains from this proposed development. The quality of life for people residing near the Cibola Land area should also be a paramount consideration; they have invested time and money to enjoy living in a semi-rural area and their investments deserve your protection. Thank you for considering my views on this issue.

Ron Faich
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Sent from my iPad

From: [Katrina Bedsaul](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Public comment for P&Z meeting July 19th: DENY request for a rezoning for a Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 1:25:55 PM

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I will not be able to attend today's 4pm meeting and thus am providing written comment instead per your directions on the agenda.

I urge you to **deny** the Cibola Land Corporation's requests to rezone the land to C-3 and I-3. I feel that land would be better suited to residential and planned development, as it is zoned today. That specific area does not need to be a drive-in movie theatre or a commercial kennel (valid options under the C-3 permitted use) or hosting meat packing or a petroleum bulk plan (listed as permitted usages for I-3).

While I don't live in Rio Communities, I do live in Valencia county, due north of the proposed location, and I am in the area frequently.

Thanks,
Katrina

From: [Cutler, Lindsay](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Cc: [Abeita, Juan Rey](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Planning and Zoning Commission on Cibola Land Corporation Zoning Change
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 2:29:29 PM
Attachments: [Pueblo of Isleta Comment - Change in Rio Communities Zoning Designation.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see the attached public comment from the Pueblo of Isleta on the Cibola Land Corporation zoning change, which is on the agenda for Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Meeting this evening.

Sincerely,

Lindsay K. Cutler

Senior Associate General Counsel | Pueblo of Isleta
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Tribal Services Complex Building "C" | 3950 Highway 47 | Isleta, NM 87105



PUEBLO OF ISLETA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Isleta, New Mexico 87022
Telephone: 505-869-3111

January 19, 2023

Rio Communities City Council
360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002

By Email to: info@riocommunities.net

Re: Change in Cibola Land Corporation Properties Zoning Designation

To Whom It May Concern,

The Pueblo of Isleta submits this written comment expressing its opposition to the rezoning of the Cibola Land Corporation properties from residential and planned development zones to Heavy Industrial (I-3) and Heavy Commercial (C-3). The Pueblo of Isleta ("Pueblo") is extremely concerned about the proposal to rezone 252 acres of land in Rio Communities to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land uses. This change in zoning designation would threaten the air and water quality and quality of life on and near the Pueblo's Reservation, including the Comanche Ranch. The Pueblo writes to you today to address the Pueblo's concerns about Cibola Land Corporation's application to re-zone these properties and express our strong opposition. Thank you for this opportunity to share the Pueblo's concerns with you.

The Isleta people have lived on and used the Pueblo's current lands and surrounding areas for centuries, long before the first Spanish explorers arrived. The areas in and around Rio Communities are lands where our ancestors lived, worked, worshipped, played, and engaged in all the other activities of life for centuries, and so adjacent lands have historical and cultural significance to us. Our members, who mostly live on and near the Pueblo, continue to engage in traditional lifeways on and near the Pueblo, including gathering plants for traditional medicine and ceremonies.

The proposed zoning change from residential and planned development to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land uses will adversely impact the Pueblo of Isleta, which neighbors Rio Communities to the north and west. The activities permitted by heavy industrial zoning include heavy manufacturing, asphalt production, and oil, gas, and hydrocarbon production. *Rio Communities Zoning Ordinance 4-3-10*. The proposed zoning designation

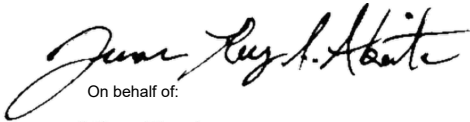
change does not conform with the Rio Communities Comprehensive Plan, which requires appropriate land use that considers community design and protects natural resources. *City of Communities Comprehensive Plan* (2015)
<https://www.riocommunities.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/1091/ch-5-comprehensive-plan.pdf>. Heavy industrial and heavy commercial land use will lead to air pollution, noise, pollution, and increased traffic for the neighboring community and the Pueblo of Isleta. Additionally, heavy industrial land use will lead to contamination of our land, aquifer, and shared ground water, as well as the Rio Grande, which is less than a mile from the property.

The Pueblo is continually forced to conform to the squeeze of development, including the industrial and commercial land uses in neighboring communities, which have caused and continue to cause pollution of our air, water, and lands. Like many tribal and other minority communities across the country, we have been disproportionately affected by sources of pollution, which are more often located near our lands and communities than others'. Pollution also affects us disproportionately because it harms plant and animal life which support our cultural and religious practices, and because many of our members suffer from the impacts of generational poverty or trauma imposed on us, which make our members more susceptible to disease. And, like the rest of the world, we are feeling the impacts of the climate crisis, which is changing long-term weather patterns and increasing extreme weather events. Because climate change negatively affects people and the natural world, it also magnifies the harms to us from increased pollution

For the above reasons, we ask for the Rio Communities Governing Body to deny the Cibola Land Corporation application to rezone 252 acres to heavy industrial and heavy commercial land use.

Lastly, the Pueblo is aware that Cibola Land Corporation or any additional entities that seek to develop these properties will need to apply for additional licenses and permits in order to move forward with any constructions. If Rio Communities receives any such license or permits related to these properties, we ask that you inform the Pueblo and make high-level staff available for government-to-government consultation with the Pueblo on those applications, as well as whatever public participation you solicit under applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,
 PUEBLO OF ISLETA



On behalf of:

Max Zuni
 Governor

Cc: Lindsay K. Cutler, Legal Counsel, Pueblo of Isleta
 Emily J. Soli, Legal Counsel, Pueblo of Isleta

From: [Michael Melendez](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Request for a rezoning for a planned development to commercial 3 zone and industrial 3 zone.
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Can the applicant specify the purpose for this request to rezone an Industrial Park area to Commercial 3 Zone and Industrial 3 Zone?

Michael Melendez

608 Western Dr. Rio Communities, NM 87002

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From: [Amber Jeansonne](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: rezoning proposal tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 2:18:30 PM

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Dear City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Committee,

Please deny the request to rezone 252 acres of open land from R1 and PD to Heavy Industrial and Heavy Commercial. There is too much unknown about what developments this could lead to and too much at risk. Heavy Industrial Zoning allows for industries such as heavy manufacturing, bulk storage of petroleum and liquefied petroleum gas, auto wrecking yards, and asphalt production plants.

The repercussions from having industries such as these so close to residents' homes and the Rio Grande need to be considered. Residents were only notified about this zoning change 6 days ago which is not enough time for them to gather enough information about how their neighborhood will be affected.

I am not a Rio Communities resident but am a resident of Valencia County and am extremely concerned about this happening in my community. When the South Valley was rezoned for heavy industrial use, asphalt plants, auto wrecking yards, and jet fuel storage all moved in. The cumulative impacts of the air pollution have had a devastating impact on that community and I don't want to see that same thing happen here.

At the very least, please consider delaying this vote until more information can be gathered about what specific industry will be moving in. The community deserves to have that information.

Thank you,
Amber Jeansonne

From: [N Klingbile](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: Rezoning/Cibola Land Corporation
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023 3:05:37 PM

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Elected City Officials,

Please let it be known that I, as an official resident of Rio Communities, object to and discourage the approval to rezone said acreage as stated in the agenda (Cibola Land Corporation) for January 19th, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Thank you,

Norm Klingbile

1210 Perion Drive, Rio Communities, NM. 87002

From: [Linda Laswell](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Subject: say no to heavy industry
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 6:24:18 AM

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I live in Belen. Everytime I drive into Albuquerque I am grateful for the rural clear skies we enjoy here in VC. I knew when the County Commission approved his rape and pillage of the earth there would be nothing but trouble after that and for what? He's just another greedy Oil and Gas man who denies the science of environmentalism.

Please, please, please say no to this zoning change. Water is precious. Water is life. The Rio Grande and people's property values and lives are at stake.

Sincerely

Linda Laswell
314 N 14th ST
Belen NM 87002

From: [Wyn Sanchez](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Cc: [Valencia Water Watchers](#)
Subject: To: Rio Communities P & Z : Rezoning from residential to Industrial & Commercial being considered today
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:23:40 AM

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Please be aware of your civic duty to uphold your constituents quality of life. Please ensure that the (lifelong in many cases) investments they have made in their homes remain viable and their neighborhoods remain liveable. Please do not sell them out. Mr. Yates surely has or can acquire other properties more suitable for heavy industry, such as those already zoned for those activities. Please consider the impact of having, say, a waste fuel dump next door to your home. Please protect your constituents interests and lives. Thank You kindly for taking proper action in this very important matter.



City of Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Thursday, February 02, 2023 4:00 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Chairman Scroggins called the Planning and Zoning meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Scroggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Chair Thomas Scroggins, Secretary Melodie Good, Member Scott Adair, Member Adelina Benavidez, Member Chad Good.
- Present: City Manager Dr. Marty Moore, City Attorney Randy Van Vleck, Municipal Clerk Elizabeth Adair, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Member Adair to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Minutes Regular Business Meeting (01/04/23)**
- Minutes were tabled until next meeting.

Public Hearing - For the purpose of the request for a rezoning from Commercial 1 zone to Commercial 3 zone - Applicant - Founders Land Acquisition Company LLC (FLAC): Legal description UPC 1009028306055000000 Tract: UNNUMBERED S: 16 T: 5N R: 2E 0.48 ACRE PLAT N-663, 2350 HIGHWAY 47 Rio Communities NM, 87002

Motion and roll call vote to recess Planning and Zoning Meeting session and to go into Public Hearing Consideration of: Founders Land Acquisition Company LLC (FLAC): Commercial 3 zone.

- Motion made by Member Adair, Seconded by Member Benavidez.
 Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez, Member Good
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins read his statement.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins explained that Eric Lindell will be giving a presentation.
- ❖ Eric Lindell introduced himself and explained the history of his company.
- ❖ Eric Lindell began his presentation and explained that they purchased the property as a C3, and it turned out it is C1 and due to zoning they had to stop the project. He explained that they are requesting to have the zoning updated to analogous with the other properties both across the street and then to the south of us. Before the purchase we did not look at the proper zoning maps, so we did not recognize the error.
- ❖ Secretary Good asked what the neighboring property is zoned are they C3 already.
- ❖ Eric Lindell explained that the property across the street and to the south of ours are all zoned C3.

- ❖ Member Adair asked what do you propose to do with the building. What type of business.
- ❖ Eric Lindell answered the expectation is that it will be a dispensary for cannabis and further explained why they are requesting this zone change so that they can continue to move forward with there project.
- ❖ Member Benavidez asked this a question not so much for the applicant. Do you guys require them to obtain a driveway permit through NMDOT.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained yes, they will have to obtain that access. He further explained the three steps. The first step is the zoning then they will need to get a special use permit for the cannabis dispensary. Then they will have to go to DOT and get the driveway access permit as well.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins mentioned that there is a driveway off Highway 47.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained I think the question was they need to get access from DOT to be able to come off the highway into the property.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins asked so that isn't our concern.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained that will come to us when they request the special use permit.
- ❖ Chairman Scroggins said I am glad that you made a point that the property next to you is a C3. I am not sure what is North of your property.
- ❖ Manager Dr. Moore explained that the property North is owned by a private individual but is accessed by anglers, people who go fishing, I think it also accessed by some always fee and on the other side is in the County.

Motion and roll call vote to go back into Planning and Zoning Meeting session.

- Motion made by Member Adair to close the public hearing and go back into regular Planning and Zoning meeting. Seconded by Secretary Good. Vote Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez, Member Good. With a 5-0 vote the planning and zoning went back to the regular business meeting.

Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Recommendation to move to Council applicant Founders Land Acquisition Company LLC (FLAC): Commercial 3 zone.

- The commission discussed the decision with no questions or concerns.
- Chairman Scroggins said since the land is bordered on all sides there is no reason why we shouldn't zone them to C3.
- Motion made by Secretary Good to send the zone change to Council with Planning and Zonings recommendation. Seconded by Chairman Scroggins. With a 5-0 vote the commission will send the zoning change from C1 to C3 with recommendation to Council. Voting Yea: Chair Scroggins, Secretary Good, Member Adair, Member Benavidez, Member Good

Public Comment:

- No public comments.

General Commission Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- Manager Dr. Moore explained that the city is working on getting some better visual and sound systems and further explained the improvements the city is making to the building.

Adjourn

Motioned made by Member Adair to adjourn seconded by secretary Good. With a unanimous vote the Planning and Zoning meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Taken and transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Thomas Scroggins, Chairman

Melodie Good, Secretary

Scott Adair

Adelina (Lina) Benavidez

Chad Good



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Item 3.

APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY

Application Fee (\$250) Paid ☐

Property Owner Name:	Cibola Land Corporation		
Address:	Street: 1429 Central Ave. NW	City: Albuquerque	State: New Mexico 87104
Name of Applicant:	Cibola Land Corporation		
Phone: 505-242-2050	Email: petroyates@msn.com		
Agent: (If partnership, provide proof that agent has legal authorization to sign documents).	Harvey E. Yates, Jr., President		
Agent Phone: 505-980-7761	Agent Email: petroyates@msn.com		
Legal Description of Property: Add attachment if needed	See attached		
Subdivision: Playa Estates	UPC #: See attached	Lot #: See attached	Block #: n/a
Address /Legal Description: Attach document if needed.	See attached		Existing plat map #'s: See attached
Explain how the intended use of the property will correspond with the proposed zoning. (Attach additional documents if needed. We intend to bring in industrial and commercial development.			
Present Zoning:	Planned Development	Requested Zoning Change:	Commercial 3

Accompanying this application are the original and appropriate number of copies for the proposed rezoning. I have examined and am familiar with the regulations governing the rezoning of property, per Chapter 6, adopted by the City of Rio Communities. I understand the City of Rio Communities will not assume liability for lack of understanding on my part or incorrect information submitted. The application for rezoning requires a public hearing and a fee. All final zoning approvals must be filed with the Valencia County Clerks and City of Rio Communities offices.

For Staff Use Only:			
Date of Public Hearing:			

Cibola Land Corporation
Harvey E. Yates, Jr., President

Printed Name:

Signed Name:

Date:

Harvey E. Yates, Jr.

12/14/2020

Attachment to Application For Rezoning of Property to Commercial 3 Zoning

Valencia County Assessor's Account Number	Valencia County Assessor's Uniform Property Code	Subdivision Name	Parcel No.	Acres	Map #	Plat Cabinet & Page
R177894	1-009-026-375-240-000000	Playa Estates	5	11.52	D-5-28	1/272
R177896	1-009-026-375-140-000000	Playa Estates	7	27.26	D-5-28	1/272
				38.78		

Cibola Land Corporation would grant to the City of Rio Communities a fifty-foot easement covering the eastern boundary of the requested C-3 area for the purpose of establishing an open-space on which would be created a greenbelt area - including trees and shrubs - and on which a possible jogging path would be established. The purpose of the open-space area would be to separate the C-3 zoned area from residential areas. See the attached map which exhibits both the requested C-3 area and the planned open-space area.



Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 4:32 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: NO heavy Industrial Zoning!

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From: Patricia Gray <pattyhollis1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 3:41:18 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; jwinter@riocommunities.net <jwinter@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: NO heavy Industrial Zoning!

DO NOT ALLOW ANY INDUSTRIAL ZONING in our communities no matter how much kick back money you receive!!!! This is NOT good for anyone in our community & was the reason we moved away from the cities!

Patricia Gray
 Hollis Gray

457 Bishop Ct.
 Rio Communities

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Please Read Say No to I-3

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From: David Perfetti <perfetti2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 4:46:50 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; pcutjaha@riocommunities.net <pcutjaha@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Please Read Say No to I-3

To whom this may concern,

I have lived in Rio Communities for a couple of years now. My wife and I are in our 30's and we have a 4 year old son. This is a bad decision. This is being pushed by people who don't truly care about our city. They only care about profit from their companies.

We already have to deal with the smell of gas every day because of one of the same company that wants to expand. It already made the news. Who is going to want to live someplace that you have to deal with noxious odors morning, noon, and night. A majority of people here are older and not able to move. The rest are around our age.

If this goes thru I know my family will be leaving and so will other families around our age. Then there goes the property tax base you already have. Then with the increase of Mesa Oil no one will want to move here. So that means no new tax base coming in.

Look at any large city. The poorest neighborhoods are located next to heavy industry. They also happen to be high crime areas. This place doesn't have its own police yet and will take sometime to build a proper force. So you want crime to increase at a higher rate than the force you build. But at the same time pushed out the tax base you have. So the city has less money coming in. People are already leaving because of this. You all want to be elected officials of a city that you will be responsible for destroying in the long run.

Hope this gets through.

Thank you,
 David Perfetti

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: industry

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From: John Kaplan <inkspots48@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:48:58 AM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: industry

I seems to me that no one wants to see RC advance and become more prosperous. This reminds me of where I lived before. No one wanted to see the community to grow and provide jobs for families, the community eventually dried up and withered away. Kind of like the hospital that was supposed to be built, what happened there?

Lisa Adair

From: Rio Communities <riocommunities-nm@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

External (riocommunities-nm@municodeweb.com)

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Submitted on Sunday, February 12, 2023 - 8:37am

Submitted by anonymous user: 67.0.64.26

Submitted values are:

First Name Pamela

Last Name Piburn

Email pjinnewmexico@gmail.com

Question/Comment

Please. NO Heavy Industry in Rio Communities. Please vote NO to rezoning Playa Estates parcels to Industrial 3 zone.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.riocommunities.net/node/7/submission/909>

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Please read Say No to I-3

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From: Valerie Varela <valerievl1990@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:40:01 AM
To: Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>; pgutjahar@riocommunities.net <pgutjahar@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Please read Say No to I-3

To whom this may concern,

My husband and I are in our 30's have lived in Rio Communities for almost 3 years and we have a 4 year old son. This is a very bad decision. This is being pushed by people who don't truly care about our city. They only care about profit from their companies.

We already have to deal with the smell of gas every day because of one of the same company that wants to expand. It already made the news. Who is going to want to live someplace that you have to deal with noxious odors morning, noon, and night. A majority of people here are older and not able to move. The rest are around our age.

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Look at any large city. The poorest neighborhoods are located next to heavy industry. They also happen to be high crime areas. This place doesn't have its own police yet and will take sometime to build a proper force.

Thank you, Valerie Perfetti

Lisa Adair

From: Thomas Scroggins
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:17 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Cc: Martin Moore
Subject: Fw: HEAVY ZONING IN RIO COMMUNITIES

From: Lori K Padilla <LORIKAYVIC@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: HEAVY ZONING IN RIO COMMUNITIES

I would like my voice to be heard in regards to the zoning change to 3 (three)
I vote NO
PLEASE affirm that my vote WILL be acknowledged.
Thank you
Lori Padilla
111 Western Dr.
Rio Communities, NM 87002

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Lisa Adair

From: Scott Adair
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:03 PM
To: Martin Moore
Cc: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fw: Cibola Land, Inc. Rezoning Proposal

From: Frank Mazza Jr <fmazza@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:45 PM
To: Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Cibola Land, Inc. Rezoning Proposal

My name is Frank Mazza and my partner, Linda Zaragoza, and I live at 1623 Blanda Court in Rio Communities. We attended the January Planning and Zoning Commission meeting when Cibola Land, Inc. asked the city to rezone 262 acres into Industrial 3 and another section of land to Commercial 3. Linda and I listened to the Cibola presentation and the comments of our neighbors and concur that both rezoning proposals are not in the best interests of our community. Please deny this rezoning request.

Thank you.

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Proposed rezoning by Cibola Land Holdings

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From: J D STOUFFER <jeanstouffer@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:35:06 AM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Cc: Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Proposed rezoning by Cibola Land Holdings

Gentlemen,

Re the proposed rezoning by Cibola Land Holdings (Harvey Yates), NO NO NO!!!! We are a rural community, and we do not need heavy industry that would inevitably destroy our way of life. PLEASE VOTE NO!!!

Dan & Jean Stouffer

Bosque Farms, NM

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning Request

Joshua Ramsell

City of Rio Communities, Mayor



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From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 1:41:19 PM
To: Patty Ciccotelli <patty.ciccotelli@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Rezoning Request

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to write me. This rezoning request is currently in front of the Planning and Zoning commission. They will be having a 2nd public hearing on this matter on February 16th at 4pm. This is a public meeting and anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

Joshua Ramsell

City of Rio Communities, Mayor

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From: Patty Ciccotelli <patty.ciccotelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 12:21:27 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Rezoning Request

Hello,

As a resident of Rio Communities that will be negatively affected by this we are asking you to vote no on the Industrial 3 Rezoning Request.

Wayne and Patty Ciccotelli

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Industrial 3 Rezoning

Joshua Ramsell

City of Rio Communities, Mayor



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From: Trinity Olivas <trinityolivas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 3:11:30 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Industrial 3 Rezoning

Dear Mayor,

I write this as a constituent and concerned resident of Rio Communities. I live on 103 el Mundo Rd. This proposed rezoning reneges on the promise of views and quiet neighborhood living. I want my kids to one day inherit my home and be able to enjoy the views of Manzanos. I want them to possibly have neighbors to the south where they can play and not worry about commercial trucks, or commercial odors. There is already industrial zoning due south for these companies to incorporate. I ask as a voting citizen you reject this proposed rezoning and make the land owners sell to a housing developer.

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: industrial pollution in RC

Joshua Ramsell

City of Rio Communities, Mayor



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<http://www.riocommunities.net>

From: G.E. Nordell <garyNM@genordell.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:22:39 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; Martin Moore <mmoore@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>
Subject: industrial pollution in RC

RC P&Z is supposed to decide whether to recommend rezoning 300 acres of residential (PD) land to HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (I-3).

That land is owned by Cibola Land Holdings — a Yates Petroleum Empire company.

SIMPLE SOLUTION: set up an overlay zone on all industrial properties in the city for ZERO TOLERANCE FOR POLLUTION

where ANY air or water pollution gets the business shut down for 30 days, second and further violations include \$5000 fine

proof is evidence taken by city/county/state/federal officials on that property, regardless of source

THEN see who files for zone change . . .

Lisa Adair

From: Scott Adair
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:51 AM
To: Lisa Adair; Martin Moore
Subject: Fw: Possible rezoning in Rio Communities

From: Anna Lareau <lareaal@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 10:57 AM
To: tscroggins@riocommunities.net <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; lbenavidez@riocommunities.net <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>; jramsell@riocommunities.net <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Possible rezoning in Rio Communities

I am contacting you regarding to the possibility of a rezoning in our city. I am totally against allowing another "industrial row" for the following reasons:

1. We are a residential area and wish to stay that way.
2. We are already subjected to the awful smells coming from a recycling plant that is part of Mesa Oil.
3. Our property values will plummet.
4. If the intention is for industrial storage the chances of having accidents such as leakage and fumes release are great.
5. We will end up looking like how Broadway (Hwy 47) in Albuquerque looks. A major trashed up area.

Harvey Yates Jr. and his companies already own a huge amount of land in the surrounding Valencia county, Socorro county and probably further throughout New Mexico. Why can't it be suggested to him or his representatives to find a open land further out, away from the towns and neighborhoods?

The people and animals in the Rio Communities cannot continue to be subjected to the waste put in air. It baffles me as to why this would even be considered. I really hope that the Planning & Zoning committee will listen to the citizens of Rio Communities. Many of us have invested our lives in this area and would love to be able to stay. If the zoning gets

changed to allow industrial facilities such as oil, gas storage and industrial waste processing, the city will lose a great number of residents. Again, please consider on voting this down.

Sincerely,

Anna L. Lareau
623 Palmer Lane
Rio Communities, NM. 87002

Lisa Adair

From: Thomas Scroggins
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 1:14 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Cc: Martin Moore
Subject: Fw: Vote "NO" to Rio Communities Zoning Changes

From: Vida Baca <vidat2007@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>; Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Vote "NO" to Rio Communities Zoning Changes

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From: **Vida Baca** <vidat2007@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 12:06 PM
Subject: Vote "NO" to Rio Communities Zoning Changes
To: protectriocommunities@gmail.com <protectriocommunities@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor and Governing Body,

I am a concerned Valencia County resident. Although Rio Communities is definitely in a state of decline. Allowing the types of industry into the County listed on the posted meeting for a Zoning Change will only serve to accelerate the decline. Any clean businesses looking to locate in that area of the county, may look elsewhere, knowing they could be surrounded by the types of industries/businesses listed.

Rio Communities residents invested in their homes and businesses based on the past and current zoning rules. Based on many factors, i.e. health, aesthetics, loss of property value these residents/businesses may be forced to relocate; leaving this area of the county with businesses that are detrimental to the health of the land, and certainly not healthy for the residents who call this community home.

It makes sense that this type of zoning change will only serve to devalue the properties in Rio Communities, and surrounding areas.

As the governing board, representing both current residents and business owners of Rio Communities, your actions should reflect their health and welfare - not the business interests of an organization looking to increase their financial bottom line.

I implore you, as the governing body of the Rio Communities, to consider the long term damages that will result from allowing any of the possible listed industries into our county. In an age where the health of our Earth and

global warming are paramount - please consider the long lasting consequences of making any industrial zoning changes at this moment in time.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Vida Baca
Los Lunas, NM

Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd:

Sent from my iPhone

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From: +15052275503@tmomail.net
Date: February 13, 2023 at 5:46:29 PM MST
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>, Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>, "Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca" <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>, Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>, Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>, Noelle Chavez <nchavez@riocommunities.net>

Ltr to Rio community city council and Dr Martin Moore,
 We recently moved moved to this community for the
 peace and openness it offered not being informed before
 buying our home of the horror that could lay in our future.
 Everyone one who lives here worked hard all their lives or
 is working hard to live our daily lives to live in the
 community we've chosen to live in. My son services this
 community and when it came to buying his first home he
 chose this community. By just buying our home here We
 made a 30 year commitment to this community. The open
 area, quiet peaceful area, the geese flying overhead. A
 community to which the man who wants to bring I3 has
 not made that kind of commitment to. Heavy
 industrialization of our community would be the total
 death of our community and its residents. Does that man
 who is trying to destroy our Lives live here? Has he lived
 here Would he live here in the polluted home he wants us
 and our families to live in. If not why not? He doesn't want
 him or he's family, ancestors to go through the health
 issues and qualify of life he's willing to put us all through .
 Where is Humanity, humility, love for your follow man
 instead of the all might dollar. If you have billions how
 much more money does anyone need to have and how
 does that money give you the right to destroy other
 people's lives. The only commitment he has made to this
 community is to destroy the lives, the futures , the lives of

the children who live here. What happened on January 13th is but an emir fraction of what's to come. Sulfur dioxide that is released negatively effect your health, the health of young children and the unborn, respiratory issues, abortions, skin diseases, cancer, overall poor health not to mention the noise, traffic of heavy equipment and possibility of rail disasters like what recently occurred in Ohio. Will our community be the next Flint, Michigan? What kind of person or people choose to knowingly destroy the lives of others for their own profit? What kind of people/officials would allow this to happen! I commented to living what I prayed would be the rest of my life here. To grow old not to dead from living in a community of polluted toxic chemicals, toxic air, toxic water, soil contamination, toxic waste. I died 6 years ago, I had open heart surgery and my doctor saved my life. My surgeon held in my heart in his hands and gave me life. You hold in your hands all of our lives. Will you give our community life or be the death of it. Scared that we bought a home that would never be worth the price we paid. The Reyes Family 627 Palmer Lane Rio Communities, NM

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Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning

Sent from my iPhone

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From: cheiinali@aol.com
Date: February 13, 2023 at 4:36:13 PM MST
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>, Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>, "Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca" <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>, lgordon@riocommunities.net, Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>, Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>, Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>, Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>, "Adelina (Lina) Benavidez" <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>, Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Cc: Protectriocommunities@gmail.com
Subject: Rezoning
Reply-To: cheiinali@aol.com

Dear Lord Mayor, Councillors, and Planning & Zoning Commissioners:

The purpose of this email is to express my firm **OPPOSITION** to the request of the Cibola Land, Inc., to rezone 262 acres of vacant land, south of the Golf Course, into a Heavy Industrial (I-3) Zone. I attended the Planning & Zoning Commission about a fortnight back. Many of my fellow citizens, expressed to the Commission, far more eloquently than I could, why this rezoning proposal is not a good idea for our community. So I will not bog this email down with more verbiage beyond stating my position. Do not turn the Rio Communities into an area that resembles the Albuquerque South Broadway area.

I remain Sirs and Madames,

Very respectfully yours,

Lloyd Stuart Colson, III
 505 Maddox Loop
 Rio Communities, NM 87002-6422
 cheiinali@aol.com

Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:06 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning of 262 acres of vacant land

Peggy Gutjahr
 City of Rio Communities, Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilor



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 Martin Moore <mmoore@riocommunities.net>, "protectriocommunities@gmail.com"
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Jim Winters
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fw: I-3 REZONING

Lisa,

Please add to the list.

JDW

From: David Hawkins <twofeatheredhawk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Igordon@riocomunnities.net <lgordon@riocomunnities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: I-3 REZONING

To all City Councilors,

My sister and I are for the rezoning. We believe that it will bring jobs into the community as well as tax revenue. You have our support in this endeavor.

David Hawkins

Rio community resident

Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Jim Winters
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fw: Re-zoning

Lisa,

Can you add this comment to the P/Z Public Hearing input?

Thanks!

Jimmie Winters

From: Stanley Porch <stanleyporch@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Re-zoning

Dear Governing Body of Rio Communities,

Without mentioning all the points that are being spoken by concerned neighbors of ours.

We would like to ask you all to vote NO on the rezoning
Proposal for the Cibola Land Inc.

We would hope that there can be a better vision for our community.

Respectfully,

Stanley and Lori Porch
921 Lee Trevino blvd.
505-220-5262

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: Industrial Zone Wrong Path

Joshua Ramsell

City of Rio Communities, Mayor



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From: Helen Smith <capthelen46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:46:15 AM
To: Protectriocommunities@gmail.com <Protectriocommunities@gmail.com>; Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Ralph Fernandez <rfernandez@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; lerubin@riocommunities.net <lerubin@riocommunities.net>; Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Industrial Zone Wrong Path

City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission,

The proposed change for rezoning an area in Rio Communities to Industrial 3 is not in the best interests of the community. Surely there are long established reasons not to put I-3 zones next to densely populated residential areas. I find it very concerning that such a move would appear to be undertaken with so little notice to the community.

1. I live at 952 Frederico Blvd, directly across the street from the "pointed" end of the zone. I do not wish to have industrial businesses across the street from my residence, blocking my view of the Manzano Mountains, which was one of the primary reasons I bought this lot to build my home.
2. Such a zone will intensely devalue my property and that of my neighbors.

3. To live 50 yards from industrial business will lead to noise, vibration, smoke, dust, particulate matter, toxins or noxious matter, humidity, heat or glare and heavy traffic of equipment or workers' vehicles on roads not designed to carry them. Rules and regulation about such hazards are routinely ignored or "accidentally" abused. This is intolerable.

4. Surely the Zoning of Rio Communities took this into consideration when establishing the original zoning of the City. Whether the land under consideration is currently zoned residential or agricultural is it located in one of the prime areas for the City to grow its homes and residents (witness the proposed development of Manzano Vista.) This City will grow because it is a prime residential area with views of open space and the mountains. Such growth will forever be ended if this zoning change takes place as no one will buy or build next to an industrial area. You will effectively halt all development in this direction, probably on both sides of Highway 47.

5. I have no information on what industries would be placed in the proposed zone, especially in an I-3 zone that NEED to be placed in such close proximity to residential areas. There is a nearby Industrial Park more appropriate to such needs.

6. I sincerely hope this is not a misguided plan to drill for oil (Harvey Yates?) which has been documented to show huge risk to our underground water supply. Similarly, other industrial activities offer a great risk of polluting the land and threatening the aquifer as well. Even the current Industrial Park is under close supervision for hazardous wastes.

7. Approving the zoning change would completely change the character of our City. Any money gained by the City from such industries would do little to offset the loss of many, many local residents who do not wish to live next to such activities. This may be a death knell to Rio Communities as anything but another Industrial Park.

8. This matter is of great concern to all residents of Rio Communities and should be put to a PUBLIC vote. If requests persist put it on the ballot of the next election held in the City. Surely there is no driving rush to quickly decide such a vital question for the future of our City.

Helen Smith, 952 Frederico Blvd, Rio Communities, NM 87002 505-861-5523
capthelen46@gmail.com

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Lisa Adair

From: Martin Moore
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Scott Adair; Lisa Adair
Subject: Re: Cibola Land Corporation

Will follow up

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From: Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 9:38:10 AM
To: Lisa Adair <ladair@riocommunities.net>; Martin Moore <mmoore@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Fw: Cibola Land Corporation

From: Rob Ashbaugh <rob@stephensequipment.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Cibola Land Corporation

Hello Mr. Adair, Ms. Benavidez, and Mr. Good,

We (Stephens Properties, LP) received a public hearing notification letter regarding the Commission's upcoming hearing for Cibola Land Corporation's request to have some of their properties rezoned from Planned Development to Industrial 3.

Could you please tell me what their purpose is for this rezoning? What do they intend to build there? If there is any information available online, please let me know and I'll be happy to look at it there.

Thanks,

Rob Ashbaugh
 Stephens Properties, LP
 724-353-3363

Lisa Adair

From: Mayor Joshua Ramsell
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 7:39 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: 16 Feb Planning and Zoning Meeting Time

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From: William Hirner <william.hirner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 4:31:30 PM
To: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>; Mayor Joshua Ramsell <jramsell@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Arthur (Art) Apodaca <aapodaca@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Lawrence Gordon <lgordon@riocommunities.net>; Councilor Jim Winters <jwinters@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: 16 Feb Planning and Zoning Meeting Time

Good Afternoon,

I am concerned the chosen time of 4 P.M. is greatly to the advantage of those who wish to pass this measure with minimal public comment. I suggest rescheduling to a later time to accommodate more interested residents of this small city and make such considerations in the future.

William Hirner

Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:50 AM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: opposition to zoning change
Attachments: Opposition to Rezoning.docx

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Subject: opposition to zoning change

I enclose my letter to the council in regard to the Cibola Land Corp. request for zoning change.

Lisa Adair

From: Thomas Scroggins
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Cc: Martin Moore
Subject: Fw: Important Message from Resident

Lisa,

another planet heard from.

Tom

From: clo ! <feykroziin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>
Subject: Important Message from Resident

Chairman Thomas Scroggins:

Residents of Rio Communities have initiated a call to action regarding the City Council's alleged plan to rezone 262 acres to Industrial 3. Many of us are concerned about what Cibola Land Corporation intends to do with that Land, and how it will affect the surrounding environment for the current generation and future ones. We are a growing Community, and with growth comes change. No one is opposing that change. What we oppose is the destruction and degradation of our Community, our Health, and our Quality of Life.

Our Elected Officials have been entrusted with the duty to represent the People's interests and work toward keeping Residents safe. To approve the rezoning would directly contradict what the Public has asked of our Officials, and would put current and future Residents in danger.

The purpose of this message is to urge you to reconsider this action. Say "No" to Big Oil corporations who do not care for the Land or its People. Say "No" to Heavy Industrial 3 rezoning.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
 Clover Willard
 City of Rio Communities

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From: Martin Moore
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Subject: Re: HEAVY ZONING IN RIO COMMUNITIES

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Subject: Fw: HEAVY ZONING IN RIO COMMUNITIES

From: Lori K Padilla <LORIKAYVIC@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
Subject: HEAVY ZONING IN RIO COMMUNITIES

I would like my voice to be heard in regards to the zoning change to 3 (three)
 I vote NO
 PLEASE affirm that my vote WILL be acknowledged.
 Thank you
 Lori Padilla
 111 Western Dr.
 Rio Communities, NM 87002

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Lisa Adair

From: Thomas Scroggins
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:19 PM
To: Lisa Adair
Cc: Martin Moore
Subject: Fw: Request for a rezoning

From: steve gladwell <sbear1g@live.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Martin Moore <mmoore@riocommunities.net>; Thomas Scroggins <tscroggins@riocommunities.net>; Melodie Good <mgood@riocommunities.net>; Scott Adair <sadair@riocommunities.net>; Adelina (Lina) Benavidez <lbenavidez@riocommunities.net>; Chad Good <cgood@riocommunities.net>
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Gentleman and Ladies of Planning & Zoning & City Manager

I am writing this in response to the request by Mr Yates to rezone to industrial 3

I feel that it is very important that Mr Yates or his representative be very clear , at the feb 16 meeting, as to what his intended usage of the rezoned property will be , residents should know

I understand that Mr Yates is in the oil business

Here are my concerns= if Mr Yates moves forward with some sort of large scale oil operation , such as a oil tank farm

First - oil is not clean

Second - any oil operation of any size can be an eye sore to the community

Third -such an eye sore could and probably would decrease property values

Fourth -also a lot of trucks , heavy or otherwise , can impact road and air quality , and create excessive noise and road congestion

So, as I have stated , I believe that proposed usage of this property , should be fully discussed with residents on the

Feb 16 meeting

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Steve Gladwell- concerned Rio Comm resident

Ps - I plan to submit this response to the city so it can be read into the minutes on Feb 16 2023

Lisa Adair

From: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:49 AM
To: Lisa Adair
Subject: Fwd: I-3

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Date: February 14, 2023 at 6:42:32 PM MST
To: Councilor Peggy Gutjahr <pgutjahr@riocommunities.net>
Subject: I-3

Hi Peggy.

I can't make the meeting thursday because we are picking up and switching cars in ABQ, but wanted to put my 2 cents in to you. I am definitely NOT in favor of a I-3 change, C-3 isn't much better but the clean businesses we want would work. I-3 opens too many avenue that the industrial industry will exploit, I BELIEVE. It would change the whole atmosphere of Rio Communities.

Thanks for everything you do for RC.
Frank Logan

Lalena Aragon

From: Angelo Tomedi,<atomed2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:51 PM
To: Lalena Aragon
Subject: Letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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February 15, 2023

Chairman Scroggins, Vice-Chairman Fernandez, Secretary Good, Member Adair and Member Rubin
 Rio Communities Planning and Zoning Commission
 360 Rio Communities Blvd.
 Rio Communities, NM 87002

Re: Cibola Land Corporation application to rezone Planned Development to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

Thank you for the work you do as public servants. I am writing today to request that your commission deny Cibola Land Corporation's request to change 39 acres to Commercial 3 and 252 acres to Industrial 3, as these changes have potential health impacts for your community.

I am a medical doctor and I provide care to families who live in communities impacted by industrial development. I am very concerned about the serious adverse health effects of heavy industrial activities that would be allowed by the rezoning, such as oil and gas extraction, auto wrecking yards, petroleum storage, asphalt production or heavy manufacturing. Heavy industries tend to produce byproducts that pollute the air and water. The byproducts can include toxic gases, heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and chromium, and toxic chemicals. The exposure of families, especially children, to industry-based air pollution can cause adverse effects such as cardiovascular diseases, asthma and other respiratory diseases, and even death. Heavy metal contamination from heavy industry can cause brain and nerve damage, kidney and liver problems, and cancer. Heavy metals have also been shown to pollute soil, deteriorating arable land quality and adversely impacting food safety. Oil and gas facilities, if the I3 rezoned land is used for them, can leak toxic gases, and people living close to these facilities experience increased rates of cancer, asthma, and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

By example, the Mountain View Community in the South Valley of Albuquerque which experienced continuing expansion of industry next to their residential neighborhood has been constantly exposed to fumes of Carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), and heavy particulate matter. All these pollutants can and do affect the health of the people living near heavy industry.

Serious adverse health risks for Rio Communities are not the legacy we want to leave to our children. As a medical doctor, I urge you to protect your residents from heavy industrial uses.

Sincerely,

Angelo Tomedi, MD
Visiting Associate Professor
University of New Mexico
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Albuquerque, NM

Lalena Aragon

From: Ann Smith <1625buddy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Lalena Aragon
Subject: NO Heavy Industrial Zoning

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I am writing this letter to express my opinion regarding the above subject. I have lived in Rio Communities for the last 28 years and DO NOT want Heavy Industry in my backyard. Rio Communities is a Residential area not Heavy Industry.

I call on our Elected Officials to Represent us in this URGENT MATTER!!!!

Thank you

Ann Smith
1625 Ben Hogan Loop
Rio Communities, NM

Lalena Aragon

From: Elisabeth Dicharry <lgdicharry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Lalena Aragon
Subject: Vote NO on Cibola Land Corp request to rezone hundreds of acres allowing heavy commercial/industrial development.

External (lgdicharry@gmail.com)

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Good Afternoon Rio Communities Planning and Zoning members,

I am a Valencia County resident. Please VOTE NO on the heavy industrial (I-3) and heavy commercial (C-3) rezoning requests from Cibola Land Corporation. In addition to writing to you in January, I attended the previous PZ meeting where the rezoning requests were discussed. I listened to all the people who asked you to DENY the request. These heavy industrial/commercial zone requests are opposed by almost all, if not all of the citizens of Rio Communities and surrounding area. If these zoning changes are approved, the quality of life for those living in the area and beyond will be negatively affected. At the meeting in January, Rio Communities and Valencia County residents listed the risks: adverse health outcomes, pollution of all kinds, declining property values, and environmental decay.

Please re-read the Vision Statement found in the Rio Communities Comprehensive Plan:

"The governance of Rio Communities is committed to fostering an informed citizenry by actively engaging and being responsive to all residents, young and old, in the planning and development of a safe and aesthetic community with a diversified local economy that offers varied sources of goods and services that sustains and improves our infrastructure; provides quality health options and resources; expands educational opportunities and enhances youth activities; encourages diversity of housing for all income levels; improves public transportation and recreational activities; recognizes the importance of preserving our past and protecting our natural resources; and revitalizing the shared qualities that we all ascribe to community and home."

Please listen to the citizens of Rio Communities and Valencia County. DENY Cibola Land Corporation's rezoning requests.

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From: [Karen Mundy](#)
To: [Lalena Aragon](#)
Cc: [Tyler Mundy](#); [Annalee Mundy](#)
Subject: Proposed Industrial Park on Former Golf Course
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:56:41 AM

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Thank you for taking my call this morning. We are emailing because we are opposed to the proposed industrial park. Mundy Brothers, Inc. owns a townhouse at 310 Horizon Vista Boulevard and in our opinion a heavy industrial complex will destroy the small town ambience of Rio Communities, which provides a relief from the congested areas of Los Lunas and Albuquerque. Not to mention all the health risks associated with being in close proximity to industrial chemicals.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Karen Mundy, Secretary
Mundy Brothers, Inc

Sent from my iPhone

February 14, 2023

To: Rio Communities Planning and Zoning and City Council Members

Re: Cibola Land Development petition to rezone from residential to Commercial 3 zone and Industrial 3 zone

I attended Planning and Zoning Meeting on January 19, 2023, and I spoke and maintain my comments of record.

I have been a resident of Rio Communities since October, 2009, and have made my home here as my retirement home and it is a big part of my financial stability. I never in my WILDEST DREAMS thought a zoning of residential could be changed to Heavy Industrial. If there was a Heavy Industrial Park next door in city limits, I would NEVER have bought my home!!!!!! The selling point of our "Bedroom Community" with beautiful views and tranquility would be out the door if this zoning change went through and our property values would be "tanked" !!!!!!! We elected our City Council with the promise they would support what is best for Rio Communities, hopefully, that will be true in the outcome of this petition.

We do not have the police department to support this as just working on getting it started. We have a VOLUNTEER fire department which cannot support a Heavy Industrial Park. It would have to be a major fire department with much training how to handle a catastrophe in an evacuation situation. We have recently experienced noxious fumes that suggested to evacuate if having health issues, do we need more facilities that this could happen? Do not think so. Also, our water system is not even run by the city and do not need an Industrial Park taking our water and contaminating it and also goes for the sewer system of Rio Communities.

Attached is a flyer from Protect Rio Communities and agree with all

DESTROY RIO COMMUNITIES!!! We have worked hard to become a city and that would be such a loss.

Make this of record for Planning and Zoning Meeting, February 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Marsha Walton

111 El Mundo Rd

Rio Communities, NM 87002



Att. From Protect Rio Communities

*PS: We Can do better
than this!!!!*



**SHOW UP!
SPEAK UP!**

Heavy Industry Near Homes

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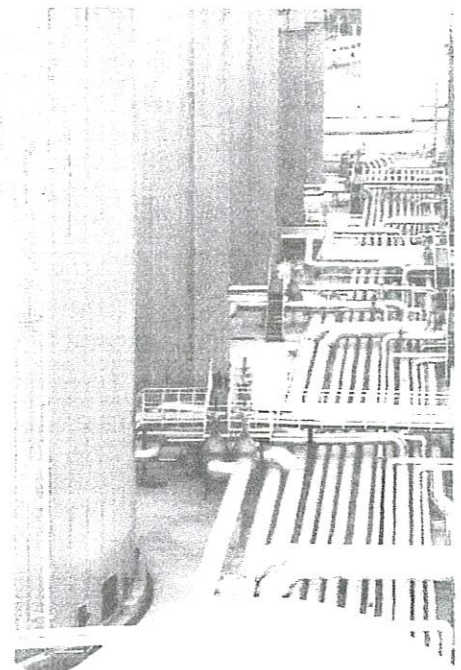
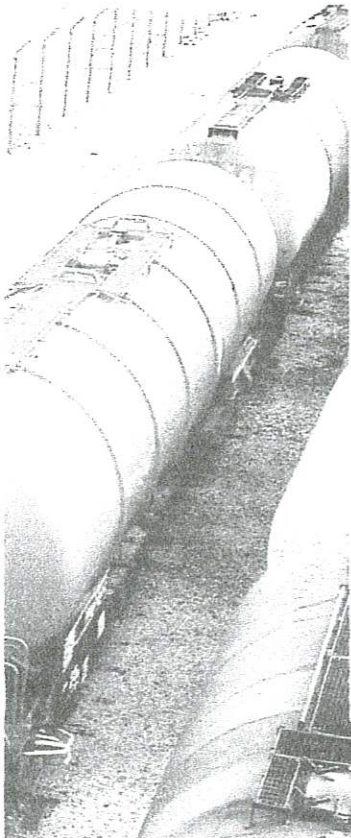
**February 16th
4pm**

360 Rio Comm. Blvd.



Impacts of Heavy Industry

- **Contaminated Drinking Water**
- **Polluted Air**
- **Home Values Decrease**
- **Light, Noise, Dust**
- **More Semi-Trucks**
- **More Train Traffic**
- **Low paying jobs**
- **Loss of Views**



**Say NO to
Heavy
Industry
(I-3)
Rezoning**



PROTECT RC

We are a group of concerned citizens striving to preserve our quality of life, our health, and the legacy of our Community. We call on our elected officials to **REPRESENT US**. **STAND UP** and **SPEAK OUT** against Heavy Industry.

HEAVY INDUSTRY (I-3)

Cibola Land, Inc, is requesting to rezone 262 acres of vacant land south of the Golf Course into a Heavy Industrial (I-3) Zone.

Cibola Land is planning to create a 500 Acre **MEGA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX** in Rio Communities.

City Councilors **MUST SAY NO** to Heavy Industry.

GET INVOLVED

Speak Feb 16th 4pm

Join Our Email List

Attend Community Meetings

Sign Our Petition

ProtectRioCommunities@gmail.com

Lalena Aragon

From: Rhonda Black <nmrojarb972@gmail.com>
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To: Lalena Aragon

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My name is Rhonda Black, myself and family of 5 are residents of Rio Communities and as concerned citizens we are asking you to vote "NO" to Heavy Industry (1-3) Rezoning. We have too much air pollution from Mesa Oil, any additional impacts on our environment would be catastrophic!

Rhonda Black

132 Damon St, Rio Communities, NM 87002

505-322-0703

Nmrojarb972@gmail.com

Request for a rezoning

steve gladwell <sbear1g@live.com>

Fri 2/10/2023 11:17 AM

To: mmoore@riocommunities.net <mmoore@riocommunities.net>; tscroggins@riocommunities.net
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Gentleman and Ladies of Planning & Zoning & City Manager

I am writing this in response to the request by Mr Yates to rezone to industrial 3

I feel that it is very important that Mr Yates or his representative be very clear , at the feb 16 meeting, as to what his intended usage of the rezoned property will be , residents should know

I understand that Mr Yates is in the oil business

Here are my concerns= if Mr Yates moves forward with some sort of large scale oil operation , such as a oil tank farm

First - oil is not clean

Second - any oil operation of any size can be an eye sore to the community

Third -such an eye sore could and probably would decrease property values

Fourth -also a lot of trucks , heavy or otherwise , can impact road and air quality , and create excessive noise
and road congestion

So, as I have stated , I believe that proposed usage of this property , should be fully discussed with residents on the
Feb 16 meeting

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Steve Gladwell- concerned Rio Comm resident

RECEIVED

FEB 13 2023

City of Rio Communities

Lalena Aragon
Deputy Clerk

Ps - I plan to submit this response to the city so it can be read into the minutes on Feb 16 2023



City of Rio Communities
360 Rio Communities Blvd.
Rio Communities, NM 87002
www.riocomunities.net
(505) 861-6803

Item 5.

APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY

Application Fee (\$250) Paid ☒

Property Owner Name:	Cibola Land Corporation		
Address:	Street: 1429 Central Ave. NW	City: Albuquerque	State: New Mexico 87104
Name of Applicant:	Cibola Land Corporation		
Phone: 505-242-2050	Email: petroyates@msn.com		
Agent: (If partnership, provide proof that agent has legal authorization to sign documents).	Harvey E. Yates, Jr., President		
Agent Phone: 505-980-7761	Agent Email: petroyates@msn.com		
Legal Description of Property: Add attachment if needed	See attached		
Subdivision: Playa Estates	UPC #: See attached	Lot #: See attached	Block #: n/a
Address /Legal Description: Attach document if needed.	See attached	Existing plat map #'s: See attached	
Explain how the intended use of the property will correspond with the proposed zoning. (Attach additional documents if needed. We intend to bring in industrial and commercial development.			
Present Zoning:	Planned Development	Requested Zoning Change:	Industrial 3

Accompanying this application are the original and appropriate number of copies for the proposed rezoning. I have examined and am familiar with the regulations governing the rezoning of property, per Chapter 6, adopted by the City of Rio Communities. I understand the City of Rio Communities will not assume liability for lack of understanding on my part or incorrect information submitted. The application for rezoning requires a public hearing and a fee. All final zoning approvals must be filed with the Valencia County Clerks and City of Rio Communities offices.

For Staff Use Only:				
Date of Public Hearing:				

Cibola Land Corporation
Harvey E. Yates, Jr., President

Printed Name:



Signed Name:

12/14/2022
Date:

Attachment to Application For Rezoning of Property to Industrial 3 Zoning

Valencia County Assessor's Account Number	Valencia County Assessor's Uniform Property Code	Subdivision Name	Parcel No.	Acres	Map #	Plat Cabinet & Page
R177901	1-010-026-145-085-000000	Playa Estates	12	14.29	D-5-27	I/272
R177902	1-010-026-270-120-000000	Playa Estates	14	19.56	D-5-27	I/272
R177903	1-010-026-294-187-000000	Playa Estates	15 South Portion of Parcel 15	5.65	D-5-27	J/615
R177904	1-010-026-397-131-000000	Playa Estates	16 Portion of Parcel 16 remaining	16.44	D-5-27	J/615
R177907	1-010-026-320-050-000000	Playa Estates	19	54.00	D-5-27	I/272
R177908	1-010-026-195-020-000000	Playa Estates	20	12.84	D-5-27	I/272
R177909	1-010-026-105-020-000000	Playa Estates	21	23.45	D-5-27	I/272
R177910	1-009-026-490-035-000000	Playa Estates	22	35.56	D-5-28	I/272
R177911	1-009-026-365-015-000000	Playa Estates	23	33.40	D-5-28	I/272
R177912	1-010-025-060-475-000000	Playa Estates	24	47.01	D-5-34	I/272
				262.20		

Cibola Land Corporation would grant to the City of Rio Communities a fifty-foot easement covering the northern boundary of the requested I-3 area for the purpose of establishing an open-space on which would be created a greenbelt area - including trees and shrubs - and on which a possible jogging path would be established. The purpose of the open-space area would be to separate the I-3 zoned area from residential areas. See the attached map which exhibits both the requested I-3 area and the planned open-space area.

Playa Estates Parcels to be Rezoned I-3 City of Rio Communities Valencia County, NM	
	Cibola Land Corporation Playa Estates Parcels to be rezoned I-3 262.20 acres
	50' Easement to City of Rio Communities for Open-Space/Greenbelt Area

Updated 12/14/2022

