

Speaker Comment Letters

Cindy Arbizó
October 7, 2015

- Citizens care about the City and should not let this project happen

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Valery Asenjo
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- Who are the owners of this property?
 - What are their individual given names, their corporate business names and their address?
 - Have they gotten proposals for condos, restaurants or recreation and have they considered doing that type of business there?
- Please list any toxicity levels in the GBFS product. What levels of toxins for zinc, copper, lead, arsenic, cadmium or any other known toxic substances?
 - Where and how is the GBFS stored? During storage or use is there any chance for toxic chemicals to leach into the ground, air or water?
- During construction or maintenance of the plant is there any limestone used? How do you propose to keep limestone or its products from leaching into the air, water and soil on this property and other properties nearby?
 - List potential impacts that products of limestone, specifically lime, can cause to the air, soil, and water.
- Will the DEIR be revised to include environmental impacts of Portland cement?
- Please address specifically how the light, pollution and noise especially at night time be remediated.

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Bruce Balala
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1401 Lemon Street

- Doesn't see any gains for the people of Vallejo from this operation
- Something clean, a recreation area, somewhere to walk your dog

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Paula Bauer
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- How many significant but unavoidable impacts are acceptable in a DEIR?
- If the purpose of a DEIR is to evaluate the project, how can mitigation be evaluated if there is an intent to write a mitigation report but it is not available with the DEIR?
- Doesn't make sense that an environmental justice report is not required

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Danny Bernardini

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Napa-Solano Building Trades Manager

- Are in favor of this project for the jobs it would bring to the people of the Solano County.
- CEQA and BCDC would not allow a project that would cause significant harm in California or on the water if claims were not adequately addressed

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Michelle Berrios

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- Why haven't all property owners in Vallejo been notified about this project?
- Is Orcem willing to put up money for environmental and health costs to the people of Vallejo? Especially if they aren't even willing to pay for street improvements.
 - Who is going to handle those health costs?
- Research should be done on all Orcem factories and how much damage it has cost in those communities.

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Jackie Bess
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- What makes impacts significant but unavoidable?
- What are revised operations alternatives?
 - Was it submitted to the City of Vallejo already?
 - When would the public find out about this alternative?

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Dan Broadwater
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Business manager for the Napa/Solano County electricians union

- Should be making suggestions for how to better the project
- Organization is in support of this project

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Peter Brooks
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- Who speaks for the kids on Lemon Street?
- 300 trucks a day down Lemon Street is not fair to the children who use that street

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Erica Cameron
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- Citizens don't know the impacts that will be here 10 years from now.
- The area needs good jobs but not a cement plant

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Ann Carr
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- This project is inadequate and ill-suited for Vallejo
- Absence of information around Portland cement should require a redo and recirculation of the DEIR.
- Not an appropriate project for Lemon Street

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Wade Colbaugh

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- Wasn't aware of the project until about 48 hours ago
- Particulates have long term chronic effects
- Project needs to be reevaluated

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Coleen Cole Morrison

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- How many people would be impacted by the release of NO_x?
- What does the applicant consider to be a considerable number of impacted persons?
- How many people would be impacted by diesel particulate matter?
- How many people in the project area suffer from respiratory ailments?
- Where in the study are the current carcinogens and current air quality problems mentioned as part of environmental justice?
- Where is the current asthma rates listed as part of the EJ impact for respiratory illness?
- How many people in the area suffer from other health conditions that may be exacerbated by the increase in pollution?

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Kathy Cook
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- What is the chemical make-up of the slag?
 - As a steel byproduct does it contain heavy metals or carcinogens?
- What is the particulate make-up of dust emissions?
 - Specifically, how much would settle over residential areas?
 - How much over the wetlands?
 - What happens when cement dust hits water and settles in over the wetlands?
- Where is this product exported to?
 - Where does it go from here and why are they making it here?
- Where will the 18,000 gallons of water per day to run the project come from?
 - What will it do to the local water table?
- What are the benefits to Vallejo and its citizens from this project?

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Brenda J. Crawford

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- Environmental racism – putting toxic plants in economically disadvantaged communities
- How do you plan to mitigate noise?

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Pat Dodson
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Lives at 633 5th Street

- Air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution
- A majority children with asthma, elderly people with cancer
- Trucks run right by schools and it will negatively impact children, trees, birds and make people sicker faster
- Barges coming in will pollute waters killing fish and seals

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LaTonya Dorbigny

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- Can the City find a win-win?
- How many jobs and for who? What is that salary?
- Can we make certain that there is monitoring? What kinds and the frequency?
- Why South Vallejo? Was there any discussion of an alternative site?

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Vicki Evans
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- How long will a resident have to sit and wait for a 77 car train to pass (from the time the crossing bar comes down until they can drive across the street)?
- Importing materials from China is not green.
- Waterfront is a beautiful spot there is a better use for it.

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David Fisher
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- Concerned that fines will be paid instead of actual mitigation for air pollution
- We don't need dirty industry in Vallejo we need good and clean industry
- Limit industry to clean industry

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Dr. Kay Flavell
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- To the City:
 - Why does the DEIR say no alternative uses of the site?
 - Why the hurry and secrecy?
 - Why shut out the voices of the people of Vallejo until today?
 - What's the role of Tom Barty? (Former manager of General Mills, former Vallejo citizen)
- To Orcem and VMT:
 - Does this project make Vallejo more beautiful or less?
 - Does it improve or destroy our health and environment?
- To fellow citizens:
 - Who will help us reimagine Vallejo as a tourist destination for bay area tourists?
 - Who will help us develop Vallejo, Benicia and Martinez as beautiful history rich cities linked by a constant fairy shuttle service?

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Dani Fregoso
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- Apoptosis – death of brain cells in area of memory
 - Youth and elderly are especially at risk due to air pollution from the cement plant

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Sal García
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- What price do you (City Council and the Mayor) put on the health of children, seniors, waterfront and our environment?

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Frank Gaskin
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Unloads freight for work, including cement

- Not worth it to bring that kind of work to Vallejo

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Jennifer Goheem

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- Can Orcem enumerate all penalties, citations and fines that it has received for environmental and health impacts of its overseas plants?
- What language can possibly be implemented that guarantees that the City will be protected from the environmental health and safety costs?
- Need to ensure true shoreline access for the people in that area.

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Jerome Graham
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Resident for over 65 years

- Where does it talk about emergency notification to residents in the event of an emergency at the project site?

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Martin Gruber
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- Sea-level rise Technical Memo:
 - Choosing from the various seas level rise estimates should take into account the risk tolerance of the city and the adaptive capacity of the project.
 - Should examine high figures but the memo only looks at the moderate figures
 - Need to model with full wind power
 - Who will be responsible for environmental impacts if the plant gets flooded?
 - What will happen to all the toxins inside the facility if it goes underwater?
 - Who is liable?
- Dredging
 - Dredging was not examined to bedrock levels
 - Cascadian fault was not examined for potential tsunami hazard and it needs to be

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Stephen Hallett

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- Impact 3.21-5 delays for safety vehicles at railway crossings
 - Mitigation listed does not give an adequate answer as to what specific roadway improvements would be made to Lemon Street in order to mitigate delays for safety vehicles.
- Is the City going to have to cover the cost of fixing the roads?
- Significant impacts include cancer, asthma, noise levels, rezoning-air quality.

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Jolin Halstead
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- What would be the highest and best use of Vallejo's best asset – the waterfront?
- This is not the best use of our community

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Bryan Harris
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- What kind of benefits would this bring to South Vallejo?
- Would the limited number of jobs be for Vallejo residents?
- Would the applicant be willing to hire applicants with felony records?
- Would applicants be willing to rehab the Grant school and have an after school program?
- Would the applicant be willing to support youth programs and sports programs in the area?
- Would the applicant support nonprofits that are working to fight drug and alcohol abuse and violence in the South Vallejo area?
- South Vallejo meeting planned for October 25, 2015

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Dave Harrison
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Representing operating engineer citizens

- Support of Orcem
 - Going to bring good wage and benefited jobs to the area and apprenticeship opportunities for youth
 - Come up with alternatives if you are opposed to development of the waterfront

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Scott Ingham
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Property on Lemon Street

- New park and ride on Lemon street opening up very shortly and a new stoplight
 - EIR has not addressed impacts with relation to this new development
- Re-striped a two-way to four lanes on Lemon Street within the last 24 hours but did not expand the size of the lanes. It would be too small for big-rigs
- Big-rigs running through residential areas and a playground
- A 77 car train would simultaneously block most of the main roads in the North-South corridor that the fire department tries to run.
 - How will that be mitigated?

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Bert Johnson
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- Impacts to visual quality and the ambiance of the waterfront

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Richard Johnson

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- Waterfront is such a beautiful area and something really great could be done there
- In Davenport people have all moved away because of excessive dust emissions

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Kathryn Kellogg

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- Project is absolutely unacceptable and is opening a can of worms for other industry to come in that we don't want
- People want to come to Vallejo, young people want to come to Vallejo, but this project is chasing them away.

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Diana Lang
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- Vallejo's housing market has been doing well and this project would reverse all of that

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Anzell Loufas
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- All plants have unexpected shutdowns, what happens to those trucks coming into Vallejo if the plant is shut down? What about the 77 cars on the train?
- Orcem has other plants internationally all of which are located in industrial zones near highways. Why do they want to put a plant in a neighborhood near schools?

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Wanda Maderas
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- Geology and Soils
 - With so many dormant and active fault lines what is the emergency plan for catastrophic earthquake conditions?
 - Will it be built to seismic standards to withstand a 7.0 or higher earthquake?
- Executive Summary
 - What kind of oars? (Many of them contain heavy metals)
 - How will they be stored? Where?
 - How will they be controlled from becoming windblown or seepage?
- Public Services and Recreation
 - The most impacted park would be Lake Dahlwick even though it is not the closet park to the project site
 - What are the impacts to the park environment in terms of noise, air pollution, and child safety resulting from heavy industrial vehicle traffic?
- Utilities
 - Where would water to run these projects come from? Especially in these drought conditions.

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Charles Malarkey

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- Would the City have to pick the Revised Operation Alternative since it does meet most of the goals but lessens some of the impacts?
- With only 7 and a half ships per month, is this project considered a maritime dependent industry?
- New Vision for Vallejo- community gardens, eco-villages and urban farms.
 - More bikes, less cars, more people, less industry

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Thia Markson
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- 60 years from now if we don't really need cement, what will that plant be?
- If the project has been negotiating with San Francisco why isn't the project there? Why here in Vallejo?
- What's the health status of your employees? Are there suffering long term health effects?

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Danielle Marquez

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- Need to conserve the waterfront and its resources.
- Air and water pollution are bad.

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Liat Meitzenheimer

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- 300 trucks a day creates a serious hazard for the kids walking to school
- South Vallejo needs jobs and businesses to help real estate but they don't need that
- What will you do to compensate for increased children's asthma and elderly respiratory illnesses?

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Robert Morrison
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- Why is real estate devaluation not included in the environmental justice report or EIR?
- In the EIR, where is the stated fact that children in South Vallejo have asthma rates at twice the state average?
 - How is that taken into account?

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Toni Murray
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- Trying to make Vallejo a destination and bring in tourism dollars

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Cate Muzaffar
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- Worried about the following things:
 - Ships coming into the newly dredged deep water port can bring in whatever they want – which makes the area subject to homeland security
 - EIR said impacts to recreation would be less than significant but if homeland security is going to be down there then the citizens won't be able to access the water and won't be able to use it for fishing and other recreation
 - Devaluation of home prices
 - Kids with high asthma levels in the area

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Donald Osborne
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- No mention of the project in meetings held by the City staff
- City of Vallejo has adopted three scenarios for their General Plan
 - Meeting later this week to vote on the scenarios
- How will VMT operations work within each of those planned GP scenarios?
 - Allow for that to be discussed at the upcoming meetings

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Sherry Peysson

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- Why are we even considering a project like this which exceeds the allowed emissions for NO_x and CO₂ that have to be capped and traded?
- How will the dust get from the ships to the factories without it spreading?
 - How will dust be dealt with?
 - Where does the water used to wet the dust go?

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Nancy Piotrowski

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- What are the impacts of rail accidents?
- What about an earthquake or other catastrophic event's impacts during unloading of boats on the docks? What about impacts to waterways from one of those events?
- How are noise and light pollution going to affect the wildlife areas?
- Why are the statistical modeling attachments not in PDF form?
- Tough for average citizens to read or for those who have English as a second language or aren't educated beyond high school.

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Ricardo Postell
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- Work for CA Department of Corrections
 - Similar type project down in the central valley and it got so bad that farmers had to shut down their properties and people were getting sick
- Few jobs being received won't do anything for the City.
- The people should be taken into consideration first.

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Carlie Robinson

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- In the original notice to the citizens of Vallejo there were no references sited to support claims
- We don't know how pollution will be affected. We don't know how much this will impact traffic on residential streets.
 - Citizens need more time and more information.

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Everett Robinson
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Ambassador for the City of Vallejo

- To Orcem – we don't want your business and we don't want you in Vallejo.

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Erik Rzonp
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- City of Vallejo Noise Ordinance doesn't seem adequate for assessment - no established numeric limit for noise
- World Health Organization says ambient noise shouldn't be increased
- Inadequate regulatory framework for noise assessment

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Jesse Santana
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- How can there be no need for mitigation on Lemon Street? The traffic and noise pollution need to be mitigated.

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Kevin Sharps
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- If we have meetings in the South Vallejo community they should be able to relate the full breadth of their concerns, not just those limited to the EIR.
- Trucks are going to be lining up to get into the project site and would be idling in those neighborhoods waiting to access the project site.
- When are we going to get a complete list of the substances that will and will not move through that VMT?
- Can you name any environmental advocacy groups that are in favor of this project who are not dependent on their financial support?

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Karen Sims
October 7, 2015

- How many jobs will be created? Will truck drivers and construction jobs be locally based?

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Dusky Skies
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- This project will keep people from wanting to move here and the City's economy will not continue to grow as it has been the last few years.

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Joana Zegri Soder

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- Concerned about property values and how that will affect residents
- What about the waste products from the plant?
- Where will it go?
- What are the effects of changing the zoning designation?
- Need more time to study these things
- What is meant by the language “unavoidable”?

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Nathan Daniel Stout

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- Member of the General Plan working group – principals were approved earlier this year
 - Read some of those guiding principles regarding the waterfront and environmental stewardship
- Meeting tomorrow night (10/8) at Florence Douglas Senior Center regarding General Plan
- DEIR is in direct conflict with many of those guiding principles
- What would the impact of a deep water port be on the Napa River?
- What would the health impact from VMT/Orcem be on the citizens that live in south and west Vallejo?

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**Kathryn Sutton
October 7, 2015**

Lemon Street Resident

- Suffers respiratory illness and is concerned about the project's impact on her health

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Ken Szuta
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- CEQA statement goals – inform agency decision makers, EIR is intended to demonstrate that the agency has in fact analyzed and considered the ecological impacts of this decision.
- If the City has already signed a 65 year contract as examined in the EIR they have violated CEQA.

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Joette Tizzone
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- Project isn't respecting citizens, the waterfront, environment or the city
- How much money has been spent considering this project?
- Will the cement help attract people and businesses of quality in the future?

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Boudicca Todi
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832 Main Street

- Change.org petition – have almost 1,000 signatures
- Why has this official Bay area organization (SFBCDC) been working with VMT for years, and residents are just hearing about it now?

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Jessica Toth-Zegri

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- Change.org petition
- Why the secrecy?
- Would have your children live here?

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Paula Tusler
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- How will the air quality in the surrounding areas be monitored both close and further out from the project?
 - What are the specifics of the air testing?
 - What is the frequency?
 - Will the tests be made available to the public?
- Planners should provide specific data on the impact to property values broken down into zones based on the proximity to the project.

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Dalia Vidor
October 7, 2015

- Points out that the people putting the meeting on have all referred to the project as if it has already happened.
- When will delegates be going to Ireland, France and the Netherlands to see how Orcem operates there?
 - Trucking and shipping impacts in the areas to see how those communities are being directly affected by Orcem operations.

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Lina Villenas
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- DEIR is defective
- What is the purpose of the DEIR?
- The City has to defend a statement of overriding considerations to implement the project

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Leslie Wetsch
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Vallejo Patients Coalition

- There needs to be mitigation to damages to the community
- Why are we not pursuing industries that would operate in a green way and still bring millions of dollars into Vallejo?

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Heidi Wohlwend
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- Concerns of heavy industry and impacts on especially children
- What is the vision of Vallejo?
 - Should redevelop waterfront with green walks and restaurants

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David Wollins
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Consulting Engineer

- Flatly refusing to mitigate air pollution from the plant is unacceptable.
 - Noise, vibration and toxic gases resulting are serious impacts
 - Truck traffic needs some kind of mitigation
- Why is Franklin Middle School not part of the sensitive receptors list?
- There are definitely air quality stations nearby
- Many issues are not mitigated properly by the project