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COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Dear Ms. Gharis:

This is to request the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to hold a public meeting for the wastewater application proposed by Walton Texas LP, for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015918001 and domestic wastewater treatment facility in Caldwell County. This permit would impact the San Marcos River and Guadalupe River Basin.

Some of my constituents who live and work near the prized San Marcos River and several environmental groups have expressed concerns about this project and the impact the wastewater discharge could have on the river and its water quality. A public meeting would provide an important opportunity for my constituents who would be affected by the permit's approval to gather information about the project, to ask questions about the application and process, and to submit public comments.

I would appreciate greatly your favorable consideration of this request, which is consistent with my longstanding policy of encouraging public discourse about important community issues. Feel free to contact my staff or me regarding this issue or whenever we may be of assistance.

May God bless you.

Very truly yours,

Judith Zaffirini

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Judith Zaffirini
State Senator, District 21
P.O. Box 12068
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Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 21, 2021

The Honorable Judith Zaffirini
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Walton Texas, LP. / Application No. WQ0015918001

Dear Senator Zaffirini:

Thank you for your letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requesting a public meeting regarding Walton Texas, LP / Application No. WQ0015918001 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 420,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility will be located approximately 2,100 feet northeast of the intersection of State Highway 80 and State Highway 142, in Caldwell County, Texas 78655.

The agency is continuing to carry out its mission to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development during these unprecedented times. As Texas has adapted to the ever-changing situation, the TCEQ has implemented solutions to move forward with agency business. Public participation is an integral part of the permitting process. The agency believes that both in-person and virtual meetings have proven successful in allowing the public to participate in the permitting process.

The proposed public meeting whether held virtually or in-person will provide an opportunity for the public to voice their concerns and comments while following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. We recognize that not everyone has access to the internet, or their access may be limited; therefore, we also provide an opportunity to participate via telephone during virtual public meetings. In addition, a public meeting is not the only avenue for the public to express their concerns and ask questions. The public may also provide written comments to the TCEQ anytime during the public comment period. The TCEQ takes both types of comments into consideration during the permitting process.

The Office of the Chief Clerk will facilitate the public meeting and are available to answer any questions the public may have concerning the public meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk, at (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker".

Toby Baker
Executive Director

