#### **Trent DaDalt**

**From:** steven piepkorn <dirp12@hotmail.com> **Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2022 8:15 AM

**To:** Planning Department

**Subject:** [\*\*EXTERNAL\*\*] Lathrop Crossroads Industrial Project MND Planning Commission

Meeting 11-16-22 6PM Public Hearing Item 9.1

**Attachments:** 2022 Lathrop Corssroads Industrial MND PC Meeting 11-16-22.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Attached to this email and below are public comments on behalf of Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance. The attachment contains further comments than below and is not duplicative of the below comments. These comments are submitted to the Planning Commission to be included in the record for the Planning Commission's consideration regarding the Lathrop Crossroads Industrial Project MND Planning Commission Meeting 11-16-22 6PM Public Hearing Item 9.1

For clarification purposes, only the highlighted yellow portion of the body of this email is the public comment to be added into the record along with the attachment.

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Good evening, my name is Steven Piepkorn and I'm with the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance. We submitted a comment letter to the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Our letter identified several deficiencies with the MND. The deficiencies include but are not limited to, project description, air quality, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, population and housing, and transportation.

During these turbulent times, we as citizens expect and deserve our local government's elected and appointed officials to protect us from environmental and social injustice, to aid in the preservation and rehabilitation of the environment in which we all share, and to ensure accountability and responsibility in regard to the environmental decisions they may make.

We stand by our comment letter and believe the MND is flawed, and a full Environmental Impact Report must be drafted and circulated for public review. In closing we call on this commission to be a leader on the aforementioned issues and be the first line of defense for our citizenry and environment. Only by working together can we continue to be excellent stewards of our environment, outstanding stewards to our citizens and each other. Thank You.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank You,

Steven Piepkorn



To: City of Lathrop Planning Commission

From: Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance

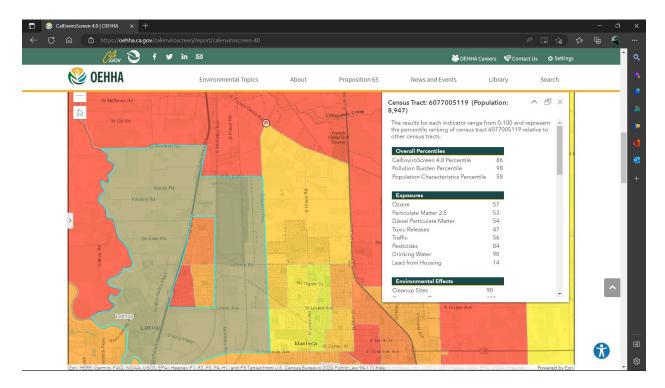
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### **CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Information**

CalEnviroScreen is a mapping tool that helps identify California communities that are most affected by many sources of pollution, and where people are often especially vulnerable to pollution's effects. CalEnviroScreen uses environmental, health, and socioeconomic information to produce scores for every census tract in the state. The scores are mapped so that different communities can be compared. An area with a high score is one that experiences a much higher pollution burden than areas with low scores. CalEnviroScreen ranks communities based on data that are available from state and federal government sources. CalEnviroScreen is updated and maintained by The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, on behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

#### CalEnviroScreen Data on Lathrop Crossroads Industrial Project MND Location/Area

The above listed project sits in two separate census tracts, first of which is census tract 6077005119. Overall, when compared to other census tracts, the project site census tract is in the 86th percentile regarding pollution. As far as pollution burden is concerned, this census tract is in the 98th percentile. This means only 2 percent of census tracts have worse pollution burden on their residents in the entire state. In terms of Ozone, this census tract is in the 57th percentile, Particulate Matter 2.5 53rd percentile, Diesel Particulate Matter 54th percentile, Toxic Releases 47th percentile and Traffic 56th percentile.



#### **Conclusion**

Consider the above referenced information when making this important decision. Realize that you and the citizens of this area face some of the WORST POLLUTION BURDEN in the entire state of California.

It is the responsibility of the City's elected and appointed officials to make environmentally responsible development decisions. Based on the CalEnviroScreen data, this is more than sufficient evidence of the further air quality impacts that the citizenry of Lathrop and its surrounding area will continue to encounter with further development of another warehouse/distribution center. We are not against development, as we believe it is necessary for further economic growth in our current society. Development needs to be conducted with the highest of expectations to ensure the local population does not suffer further air quality burdens.

We stand by our comments and believe the MND is flawed, and a full Environmental Impact Report needs to be drafted and circulated for public review.

Respectfully Submitted,

# Steven Piepkorn

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**GSEJA** 

# <u>Source - https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40</u>

## **Glossary of Terms**

Ozone - Amount of daily maximum 8-hour Ozone concentration

Particulate Matter 2.5 - Annual mean PM 2.5 concentrations

Diesel Particulate Matter - Diesel PM emissions from on-road and non-road sources

Toxic Releases - Toxicity-weighted concentrations of modeled chemical releases to air from

facility emissions and off-site incineration.

Traffic -Traffic density, in vehicle-kilometers per hour per road length, within 150 meters of the census tract boundary.



November 16, 2022

Trent DaDalt, Assistant Planner Community Development Department, Planning Division 390 Towne Centre Drive Lathrop, CA 95330

Re: <u>CROSSROADS INDUSTRIAL PROJECT MND (SCH NO. 2022090562)</u>

Dear Mr. DaDalt:

On behalf of the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance ("GSEJA"), I am writing to you regarding the CROSSROADS INDUSTRIAL PROJECT MND (SCH NO. 2022090562) ("Project").

GSEJA is withdrawing its comment letter and opposition to the Project. The Project's developer has addressed GSEJA's concerns about environmental mitigation.

Sincerely,

Joe Bourgeois
Executive Director