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Transfer station a positive addition

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I am writing to you about the proposed trash transfer station that is being considered to be built in the city of Pomona by Valley Vista Services.

I have been a resident of Pomona since 1954 when, as a young child, I was included in the family move from Modesto. My father had secured employment in Pomona, and I have remained here, marrying, raising a family, and starting and maintaining a business. My husband and I have been supportive of the community through involvement with the schools, youth sports, scouting, church and service organizations. We love this city, and believe that it is a great place to live and prosper.

Trash, or refuse, or waste, are realities of every living being.

Ever had to get up at 3 a.m. because you forgot to put the trash out? Did you leave your recycle bag in the car and have to get it after the can was at the curb? We all deal with it. Local governments have to reduce their "trash" by recycling or face financial penalties. That's why we have those blue and green cans. We separate our trash to lower costs and to help in reaching those governmental benchmarks. So do trash transfer stations.

They are locations where trucks bring trash, to be sorted, loaded and moved out to appropriate recycling facilities or landfills. They don't stockpile trash. They sort it and move it out. Then, the facility is cleaned before the next day

and the process starts again.

The proposed trash transfer station would be a positive

addition to this city. The funding it would generate, the employees they would need to operate now as well as in the future, the cutting-edge facility with environment consideration in its design, the improvement to the landscape of the proposed site and area, are all things that need to be considered.

The proposed facility operates with natural gas trucks, air filtering systems that clean the air of particulates, misters to keep dust from being airborne, and doors that close while the sorting and transferring is done.

Trash is a reality that all living persons need to be concerned about, and this is a viable way to do our share, while meeting some of the benchmarks outlined as goals that cities must meet in their refuse process.

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate to have been included in a tour of the 10-year-old Valley Vista Services facility in the city of Industry. I was not looking forward to it. I have allergies, and dust, dirt, mold and pollen drive me nuts. I was surprised that there were no odors, no dust, and



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a very clean facility. I did not have an adverse reaction in the three hours we spent there. No objectionable smells from the trash, no exhaust fumes. I have been asked if I would want a trash transfer station next to my home, and after the visit, I would say yes.

My father served nine years on the Planning Commission and two terms as mayor of Pomona. During that time, I was told repeatedly that our representatives need to look at the needs of the whole city when considering their votes - the bigger picture. The big picture here is that the city of Pomona needs this facility. The people of this city deserve this facility.

This is the type of facility that will help Pomona return to the beautiful city she once was, the city where people want to come to live and work, to build businesses, to visit shops, to go to events at Fairplex, to play.

Let's work together and make that happen.

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