

Members of the Planning Commission  
Att. Dominic Sisneros, Building & Development Supervisor  
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Regarding:

Application of Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar, LLC,  
and Clean Energy Development, LLC  
for a Conditional Use Permit for a Utility-scale Solar Energy System  
Case No. 24-5200

Request to be accepted as an intervenor.

To the Members of the Planning Commission,

1. New Mexicans for Responsible Renewable Energy (NMRRE) is a Registered Organization (RO), formally recognized by the Growth Management Department of Santa Fe County. Currently, I am the President of this RO.

The purpose of the NMRRE is to advocate for and assist residents in defending the rural character of the San Marcos region and the safety of its residents as described in the Santa Fe County SGMP and the SLDC. We advocate for and promote clear communication between the residents and County Officials and Staff.

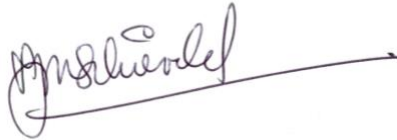
2. We aim to keep residents informed of all aspects of commercial and large-scale solar renewable energy projects as indicated in the “Use Matrix” in Appendix B from the SLDC: “Gas or electric power generation facility”, and “Commercial solar energy production facility”. In this case that means opposing the Rancho Viejo Solar Project (RVSP).
3. On September 21, 2024, Mr. Ashley Schannauer filed a motion with Hearing Officer Mrs. Marilyn Hebert for standing in the Conditional Use Permit procedure for the RVSP as filed on August 30, 2024, by the Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar LLC, and AES Clean Energy Development, LLC.
4. On October 18, 2024, I filed a similar motion for standing with Hearing Officer Hebert.
5. On October 28, Hearing Officer Hebert informed the County by email that since receiving the motion filed by Mr. Schannauer, she had “received an additional motion from another Eldorado resident”, being me. In my motion (Eikelenboom-Schieveld), I clearly stated I live in Rancho San Marcos and not Eldorado, which is a big difference. Up until then, there were no formal requests from anyone in the San Marcos or Eldorado area.
6. On November 18, Hearing Officer Hebert wrote an “Order on Request for Standing” on who to grant standing: neither Mr. Schannauer nor myself were included. By then, Registered Organizations “The San Marcos Association” and “Clean Energy Coalition” had filed for standing, which was granted by Hearing Officer Hebert.

7. In her “Order on Request for Standing” she only mentioned me by name. Hearing Officer Hebert did not mention that I am representing a Registered Organization, and that I represent hundreds of residents mainly in the area of Rancho San Marcos. It is possible Hearing Officer Hebert first denied me standing when she assumed I live in Eldorado and then denied me because she decided the San Marcos Association was a better fit.
8. Eldorado is on the east side of the planned RSVP location while we are on the west side. Eldorado is well represented by the Registered Organization “Clean Energy Coalition”.
9. The San Marcos Association in general and the Board specifically, are divided in their opinion regarding the RVSP, which is to be expected from a Registered Organization with a broad mission. The person that asked for standing for the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce in favor of the RVSP in the pre-hearing meeting with the Hearing Officer on November 14, 2024, is a Board Member of the San Marcos Association.
10. The limitations of the San Marcos Association became evident from the meeting with the Hearing Officer on December 4, 2024. The Association only brought up one, albeit an important issue, they did not call any witnesses and they did not ask any questions to AES representatives or Staff.
11. Consequently, the San Marcos Association is not able to make as strong a case as I can do with the NMRRE, since our mission is solely aimed at Responsible Renewable Energy, in this case opposing the RVSP.
12. Residents in the wider Rancho San Marcos area went through the steps to become a Registered Organization, the New Mexicans for Responsible Renewable Energy, and be recognized as such by the County. The subject that is before the Planning Commission is the ultimate reason we founded that RO. There are several reasons to oppose the RVSP that have not yet been put forward in public.
13. The SLDC affords both applicant and protestant sufficient time for discovery and other aspects of due-process, and we should have equal opportunity to present our case. Being able to put our grievances before the Planning Commission is consistent with the goals and intentions of both the SGMP and the SLDC with regards to community participation.
14. Given the magnitude of the RVSP, the negative impact that this project has and could have in the future for the residents who have to live in its proximity, and the recommendation of Hearing Officer Hebert against the RVSP, denying standing to the NMRR could be seen as limiting our right to due-process.
15. I have been a medical doctor for 30 years, I received a PhD from the University of Denver Department of Mathematics and Biological Sciences, I have been working as a forensic medical examiner for 25 years, and I am licensed to work as an MD in the EU. I testified approximately 60 times as an expert in the Netherlands, Australia, Costa Rica and the US, and I am familiar with judicial procedures.

16. If granted standing I would like to give a presentation of about 15 minutes, question two witnesses shortly, and briefly cross examine some representatives from AES and Staff. I will keep my time as limited as possible and will try not to repeat the arguments that have been brought up several times already. I will represent the NMRRE and myself, as our house is closest to the perimeter of the RVSP.
17. My communications with the County started on February 20, 2023, when I wrote a formal request to refuse a permit for the RVSP.
18. I have sent a copy of this request to be accepted as intervenor to representatives of the Applicants and Santa Fe County.

Santa Fe, January 5, 2025

Respectfully submitted

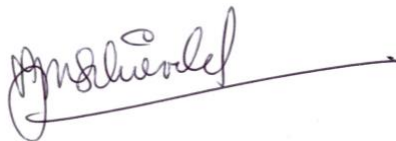


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#### Self-Affirmation

I, Selma Schievel, upon penalty or perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico, affirm and state the forgoing request for leave to intervene is true and correct based on my personal knowledge and belief.



January 5, 2025

Dr. Selma Schievel MD PhD

#### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the forgoing request to intervene to the following persons by email on January 5, 2025:

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