

## I support Rancho Viejo Solar - #24-5200

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the initiative "Tell the County Board: Support Solar," particularly in relation to the Rancho Viejo Solar and Battery Storage Project. The importance of transitioning to renewable energy sources cannot be overstated, especially in the context of fostering energy independence and bolstering the local economy in Santa Fe County.

The integration of solar projects with battery storage presents a pivotal opportunity for our community. It not only promises a sustainable energy future but also offers substantial benefits for local farmers and families. By harnessing the power of solar energy, we can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and create a more resilient energy infrastructure. This initiative aligns perfectly with our community's goals of sustainability and economic development.

Moreover, supporting solar energy projects such as the Rancho Viejo initiative will provide local job opportunities and stimulate economic growth. It is crucial for the County Board of Commissioners to recognize the potential of these projects to enhance our community's quality of life while ensuring that we remain at the forefront of the renewable energy movement.

I urge the County Board to consider the long-term benefits of supporting solar energy initiatives, not only for the environment but also for the economic well-being of Santa Fe County. We must take action now to secure a sustainable future for generations to come.

Robert Duran,