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**BCC meeting for AES project**

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We are hearing that you are trying to schedule this upcoming hearing in a way that makes it more difficult for people to attend — who can take three days off work?! — and to prevent people from being in the room for the hearings by limiting the amount of seats available to the public. You know this is a vital hearing for the residents of Santa Fe County and instead of doing as much as you can to assist people in attending, you are doing the opposite, to shut down the public's right of access to their County Commissioners.

Since no one is even allowed to talk to their commissioners for the two and a half years we have been fighting this dangerous project, you now want to further impede the public's access to the commissioners during the actual hearing process and the only time the Commissioners will have with the public to discuss the project.

These obvious public access restrictions would seem to be just more evidence of the County's attempt to push this project through no matter what the vast majority of public wants and do everything you can to keep the Commissioners shielded from the public.

Simply — do the right thing and put it in a venue that all can attend and have adequate time to voice their opinions. We now expect the County Commissioners, who we elected to stand up for our rights, to stand up to you and your attempts to silence us and agree that the most important thing in scheduling this hearing is the public's right of access in a venue that is big enough to accommodate all who wish to attend.

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