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Tonia Reyes Uranga, Councilmember – 7th District
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RE: Agenda Item #1
Appeal of the Planning Commission's Decision to grant a Conditional Use Permit to
Hanson Aggregates to operate a recycling (crushing) operation at 1630-1660 E. 32nd
Street – Case No.: (0405-26

Dear Councilmember Uranga:

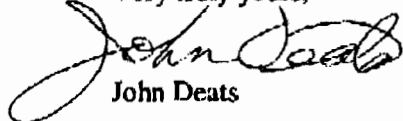
Although it was for a different agenda item, I was in attendance at the January 20, 2005 Planning Commission meeting when this item was presented to, heard by, and approved by the Planning Commission. I did not "weigh-in" on this item or give any oral or written testimony at that time. I was aware even then that successfully relocating Hanson's operation (along with some other businesses) is critical to continued progress on the Adult Sports Park. The Adult Sports Park, as you well know, runs south of Spring Street between Orange Avenue and California Avenue. Progress on said park has been painfully slow.

As I remember there was some opposition to Hanson relocating to 32nd Street from some of the surrounding businesses, but the applicant was willing to do everything humanly possible to mitigate every issue that was raised. This site was previously operated in a similar fashion several years ago.

Being a neighborhood oriented individual, I would have gone on record with oral testimony to the Planning Commission in support of any residential issues had any been raised. I can not recall there having been any residential neighborhood concerns put forward at the Planning Commission hearing by anyone in attendance that day.

Speaking only for myself, I did not find the arguments against Hanson's relocating to 32nd Street convincing at all. If it is your desire and that of your colleagues that the Adult Sports Park become a reality, then I urge you to sustain the decision of the Planning Commission to grant Hanson Aggregates the CUP they need to relocate.

Very truly yours,



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CC: Rae Gabelich, Councilwoman – 8th District