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From: Mike Greer

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To: Mike Barone <mbarone@ci.minnetrista.mn.us>

Subject: Proposed Commercial solar panel Field

Hello Mr. Barone, I am requesting that you read this open letter at the City Council meeting of 10/19/20 Thank you

To: Minnetrista city Council

From: Michael Greer

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Minnetrista, Mn. 55359

Re: Proposed commercial solar collection panel Field at PID# 2011724220002

This is an open letter to the city of Minnetrista Council and its residents.

My wife Shelley and I are Nearly 30 year residents at our present home, we raised our family here and we have always enjoyed the quality of life and scenic beauty of the community and intend to stay here for many years to come.

We along with our fellow Highland Road neighbors are opposed to the approval and construction of a commercial solar collecting field in our neighborhood and have signed letters in opposition which have been sent to the city office. It does not fit in with the community in its proposed location. It belongs in a commercial industrial setting. Minnetrista is well known for the rolling Hills, open spaces, active farms, horse pastures and well-kept homes, Many with acreage. We are not opposed to solar panels being used for personal residence.

I recently drove into Shakopee from the east on County Road 101 and there is a commercial solar field along the highway, It is not aesthetically pleasing it looks industrial. It is surrounded by commercial businesses only. To the north is New England fertilizer company, to the east is Blue lake waste water treatment plant, to the west is Valleyfair. On the south side of the highway is businesses such as Scott's auto body, an asphalt mixing plant and Lloyd's construction services which is a waste disposal company. This is the type of area that a commercial solar field is appropriate to be located in. It does not negatively affect single-family neighbors or farmers. From what we understand the proposed property owner is not a member of the Community and would not be living on the property and would be leasing out the The land to an energy company, therefore this is definitely a commercial endeavor and application and not in keeping with the surroundings. There are no commercial buildings nor businesses in the area. Therefore we request that the city Council hear our voices of the neighborhood and community members and vote to deny the application for the Commercial solar field outright. Further we ask that the city Council pass a one year moratorium on commercial solar field applications so that a full study and community input can happen and any amendments to the current ordinance or zoning can be put in place to ensure that commercial solar fields are put in the proper areas so that it protects the Scenic beauty, quality of life that we all enjoy and property values of the surrounding community members, farmers and homeowners.

Thank you,

Sincerely Michael and Shelley Greer