

Dear El Paso County Commissioners,

File Number RVP231

Project Name Lazy Y Rocking J RV Park Rezone

I am writing on behalf of the Peyton 23JT School District Board of Education. We have been made aware of the rezoning request referenced above. This request would allow for a residential area to be rezoned so that a 110 site RV park can be built in Peyton. The proposed spot is less than 4 miles from both Peyton Elementary and Peyton Jr. Sr. High Schools and the traffic flow from the park directly impacts our school bus stops.

This rezone would directly impact our school district, which has not been considered. The owners of the property never contacted the school district or reached out to discuss the impact.

We are a small rural school district with 600 students or less. We have almost no commercial enterprises in our community to support our road or bus maintenance. The rezone would put the RV park in direct competition with our bus routes. Of concern is the added traffic disrupting our bus schedule and impacting our students getting to and from school timely.

The increase of large vehicle traffic will impact the condition of our roads, making it harder for our buses to operate without incurring damage from pot-holes, ruts and excessive wear and tear caused by RV's going in and out of an area already struggling with poorly maintained county roads.

Our district, which has a very small budget to work with, would incur additional expenses to maintain and fix our buses.

The owners of the proposed RV park wish to operate 9 months out of the year, shutting down only for Winter. This means additional students to our very full school and additional services for those students without our school being able to collect additional funding for them. These students would not be residents of Peyton and no property taxes would be given to support the extra financial burdens those students would place on our school district. Given the nature of RV park living, it is likely the students would not be in the school the entire year, causing the school district to scramble for resources, incurring expenses for additional staff, for students that may only be with us for a few months. Kids living in transient communities often require special services and our school district does not have the resources to accommodate that.

Please consider this impact when looking at the rezone request.

Sincerely,

The Peyton JT23 School Board of Education

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