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Subject: Planning Commission Meeting

Dear County Council Members:

I recently attended the September 12 meeting at the Council Chambers for the public comment on the Cherry Point Code Amendments and have several concerns about the way in which this meeting took place. I think the council is well aware that this is a highly charged local issue in which there is a great deal of interest.

It is obvious that the council chambers did not provide adequate space for the size of the crowd in attendance. Is it possible to find a larger space for the next hearing on October 10th? Despite arriving before the meeting started, I had to sit in the lobby where it was difficult to hear and impossible to see anything that was occurring. There was also an intimidating atmosphere produced by the large number of refinery representatives who stood blocking the doors and who were allowed to applaud loudly after each one of their supporters spoke. I have never seen such poor crowd control in a council meeting before - this did not appear to be a fair and impartial atmosphere and it felt very disrespectful for those in attendance who support the amendments.

This is a very important issue for our community and there needs to be an appropriate setting for this public discussion in which all sides feel comfortable being present and being heard.

Thank you,

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