Gary Day, Executor of the Estate of James E. Day P.O. Box 26 Kemah, TX 77565

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As executor to my fathers estate, I am formally protesting the rezoning of the property referred to in case numbers Z10-05, SUP10-03, and SUP10-04, effecting the our properties at 1534 Maria and 1518 Maria. The reasons are as follows:

- 1. First and foremost is property values. In the short term, if it were necessary to sell the properties to settle the estate, values would be drastically reduced in an already depressed market. The long term would not likely be better.
- 2. As these are rental properties, it is my duty to represent our tenants. The noise of 24 hour a day of drilling, traffic, and associated activities would be a detriment to their quality of life in this neighborhood. There will be health and safety concerns, not just concerning the drilling and pipeline, but the traffic that results from it for the residents that live in this neighborhood. As a landlord, there are concerns that these issues might be grounds for our tenants to break their leases. If this were to happen, lease values would drop and the time to get new tenants into these properties would increase, dramatically affecting our income.
- 3. Possible issues with future subsidence.

In closing, I would like to state that my father and I have spent approximately thirty years diligently maintaining these properties and protesting this is an effort to keep doing so. Lastly, put yourself in our position and the position of the people who live in these neighborhoods. How would you feel if your property or better yet your home were next to these activities. Before you answer this question, go and stand next to a drilling rig for a couple of hours. After doing so, ask yourself if you would sleep well at night.

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To: Planning and Zoning Board RE: Z10-05, SUP10-04 & SUP10-03

I'm writing to oppose above re-zoning and special use permits to allow a gas rig and pipeline to run through my neighborhood.

Honestly, I'm disappointed that anyone has to tell you that installing a gas rig less than 1.3 miles from not one, but two elementary schools is a bad idea. This should be common sense, especially for those who are commissioned to look after the best interests of their residents.

I realize there is a common argument for safety and have read the applicant's letter outlining safety pre-cautions and only have 2 words for you – San Bruno. If the chance is even 1 in a Million that this rig or pipeline explode – it is too great a chance to take with the life of my child.

I understand, although disagree, the provisions for requiring a three-quarters voter from this board is only applicable if residents are within a mere 200 ft and as such, we will not meet it. I'm hoping though, that you will listen to the 14 of 16 residents on Power Street that have all signed the petition and oppose this intrusion into our neighborhood. Not the recent explosion in San Bruno, or any other that I have found has the explosion only effected the 200 ft. adjacent to it. The entire neighborhood is affected – just ask the hundreds of residents still waiting to get back into the San Bruno area. This makes all of our input valuable.

This neighborhood already houses a power utility on Dickenson; we do not need to be anchored on the opposite end with gas.

This came before you a little over a year ago and another group of residents stood in front of you saying the same things. And now here we are. How many residents does it take to get your attention?

I have lived here for 10 years. I do so because I love my day to day life here. I bike my son to and from League City Elementary every day – then on over to Kahuna Joe's, the Library, or a friends house on Austin. We bike to Shipley's donuts every Saturday to enjoy donuts with Mr. Kiki. We count the squirrels on the way to school and catch leaves falling from the trees covering Austin Street. Please allow me to continue raising my son in such a unique place I'm proud to call home.

Please come up with another plan for this gas rig and pipeline that utilizes the Limited Industrial areas the voters approved 5 years ago. Please take the hint that none of our residential neighborhoods are for sale to the gas company.

Sincerely, Paula Foreman 550 Power Street, cell: 281.217.3303 To the Members of the Planning and Zoning Board,

RE: Z10-05, SUP 10-04 & SUP10-03

When my daughter was young, we listened with great delight to a song about The Cat that Came Back. No matter what the man did, gave it away, drove it 500 miles away, put it in a barrel and sent it over the falls, the cat came back the Very Next Day. This re-zoning and special use permit application is like the cat that came back.

I, along with 51 or more people in my neighborhood oppose the re-zoning of the Hammock parcel from SFR to Light or Limited Industrial (LI) and the Special Use Permits 10-04 & 10-3 associated with it and the natural gas pipeline. Paula Foreman has helped me circulate a petition in opposition to this project and will attend the hearing on September 13.

These zoning change and special use requests have come before staff and P&Z since February 2009. Each time you, the P&Z Board, have approved the permits given conditions to be met. You have made your decision based upon the objection of the landowners and residents within the 500 ft notification as well as concerns raised by staff and your selves. When the obstacles were too great to surmount with the previous route of the pipeline, it was re-routed to a path of least resistance. Now, the pipeline is in City Right of Way and crosses less than 10 private properties. According to the statutes, many of us who oppose this may not have legal standing. You, on this Board, and staff are well aware this project would go against the will of the community, particularly those of us in near proximity to it.

Your authority on the Board is to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the community. Further, you are to support the original intention of the Zoning Ordinance as voters elected just 5 years ago. The original layout concentrates light industrial along the railroad track and existing pipeline right of way. There is wisdom in this design and you are duty bound to support the original intention of the zoning ordinance.

Currently, LI is not in our neighborhood. Those of us on the westerly end of Power and along Dickinson Road are in near proximity to the boundary of the LI in League City. Since I first saw the sign go up on Texas Avenue, I have asked staff for the percentage of land within the City designated as LI and have yet to

get an answer. If you look at the map, you realize there is very little LI and it is concentrated in one area.

Our neighborhood is rural with most of the residences sitting on 5 to 10 acres. Several landowners have horses, goats, chickens, and other wildlife. We all have coyotes, raccoons, opossum, rabbits, shrews, snakes, frogs, deer, songbirds, hawks, herons, owls, ibis, egrets, and even fireflies, a rarity in any city these days. Last weekend during the mowing of the Hammock parcel, two adult deer and a fawn ran startled and confused down into the drainage ditch. This setting is the polar opposite of LI. The original Zoning Ordinance saw the beauty of the neighborhood as it is today and preserved it by zoning this area SFR. When we bought our home in late 2007, we understood the impacts upon our property values and the risks associated with the existing Limited Industrial along Dickinson Road. However, our neighborhood DID NOT have an oilrig and high-pressure natural gas pipeline running through it when we purchased here. We must consider the potential decline in property values within the area.

This project is inappropriate for this neighborhood and I implore you to join your fellow citizens in opposing this re-zoning change and special use. First for the health, safety and welfare of those of us who own property here but further for those people who rent property immediately adjacent to the proposed well site. The social injustice toward the tenants (not having to be notified nor having standing in this matter) must weigh heavily in your deliberations. They have no voice in this matter and you must consider them. The young people and children living in the trailer parks utilize the Hammock parcel as I did Arolflo's truck farm in my backyard growing up here in League City. As kids, we played in the wildscapes and plowed furrows, enjoying green space and nature.

Secondly, from what I understand, most everyone involved with this matter – neighbors, staff, and yourselves do not have the oil and gas industry perspective or knowledge to fully understand the impacts, hazards, and implications of putting this well and its pipeline here. The economic benefits will be to just a few individuals and I am most disheartened to say even the City seems to be in line to benefit since the pipeline is now mostly on City Right of Way. Let us look to the good of the whole and not just the hoped for promise of striking oil or natural gas to benefit a few. The City is constantly looking for ways to pay for its rooftops. What lies in the balance here is the income from this oil & gas operation versus the decline in property values of the homes within its vicinity and decline in the quality of life of our city.

I have gained more knowledge of the oil and gas industry since Deep Horizon and this proposed oil & gas drilling operation. We all know what can happen. Yes, the statistics can support the notion the likelihood of an accident is very low.

Do we know the size and dimension of the crater created when an 800 to 900 psi gas pipeline explodes? Have you stood within 500 feet of a oil rig when it is flaring and heard the roar of the fire, seen the glare of the flame, and felt the heat and the ground trembling? Just the seismic testing I understand occurred a few years ago, causes foundation damage. UTube has plenty of footage for you to view. Our parks department is sitting on undeveloped parkland severely impacted by oil and gas operations there. If you do not have a picture in your mind of what this project will look like and entail, I encourage exploring that 108 acres tract. What are we going to do with that? How will we afford to clean it up? Do you want to allow another operation like that within the City? I hope not.

There are many other issues of concern as noted on the petition but too numerous to mention here. I trust my neighbors will discuss these with you. Please forgive my absence from the meeting on September 13. Your meeting conflicted with my travel plans to enjoy the natural beauty of Yellowstone National Park.

Your service on the Planning and Zoning Board is vitally important to the future of League City and its residents. Please stand firm in your position to support the original intent of the Zoning Ordinance and deny these permits. Make this proposed oil & natural gas rig project go away and never come back!

Sincerely, Vaness Hamilton 950 Power Street League City, TX 77573 281-639-3503 cell

cc: Tony Allender, Dausha Moore