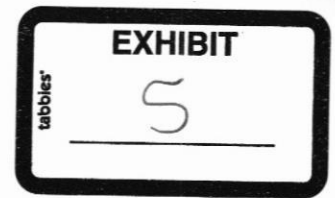


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My name is Bo Potts and I have been a resident of Dike for over 50 years. A portion of the Engie Solar Farm will be situated along the northern and eastern sides of my property (approximately 3,550 ft). As the months have gone by since I first learned of the proposed "farm" by Engie in 2019, many disturbing claims have been made about the safety of the solar facility. Questions have been raised and insinuations have been made about the possible lack of ethics concerning of our county commissioners and judge as it pertains to the solar farm. A citizens group was formed to spread the news about the negative environmental, economic and health threats that the solar facility would pose and to stop the solar farm from being placed in Dike. In the past several months, I have spoken to and listened to most all parties involved. While I personally won't like seeing a sea of solar panels out my back door where I have ridden horses and gathered cattle as a kid, I do respect the landowner's rights and their financial decisions as it pertains to the use of their land.

In my research, I have spoken with Engie representatives, participating landowners, the county Judge and the county commissioner. I have read and listened to the views of the Save Dike from Solar team. I traveled to the working solar farm in Deport Texas where I spoke with workers, viewed, and experienced the facility. I did these things to find out for myself what is truth, what is not truth and what may be partial truth that has been embellished upon.

The following is my conclusion: The Save Dike from Solar Team has been led by two people who do not reside or have voting rights in the Dike community or Hopkins County although they do own property adjacent to the solar farm just as I do. Based on my research and experience, these leaders tend to paint a very dramatic picture full exaggerations and partial truths. They have skewed and twisted facts to achieve maximum emotional reactions from the community, all based on fear to achieve control over the rights of landowners.


When the Save Dike from Solar Team couldn't stop the construction of the solar farm through law suites filed against Engie, their next step has become the incorporation of Dike. I was told by a SDFS member that the reasoning behind the proposed incorporation was so that they could, 1) stop any more people from leasing to the solar company and, 2) tax the solar farm out of business. This member stated that at the least, Dike would make lots of money off the taxes. While this may seem like a worthwhile endeavor on the surface, this line of thinking raises a lot of red flags for me. Many of the SDFS members have stated that they live in or have moved to the country for its peace, freedom and to just "be left alone", yet here they are, essentially creating one large homeowners' association to police and have control over what people are able to build on their privately owned land. Right now, they want to legislate through city governance, that landowners cannot lease to a solar company. My concern is what they will try and legislate next based on something they don't like or agree with.

I am highly in favor of community involvement and even protest and petitions as long as they are based on facts with a clear and precise mission. What I am not in favor of is emotionally led protest and petitions with an underlying motive of control. What is playing out in Dike is a smaller version of what is currently playing out in the national political arena. In my opinion, we have a group seeking to control through increased rules and regulations all the while convincing citizens that they will be in grave danger with out them. Myself and my immediate family are against any form of incorporation of Dike Texas at this point and time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bo Potts".

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is David Mark Lyles, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: 

Date: 8-21-2022

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Scott Tull, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Scott Tull

Date: 8/20/22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Donna Jacobs, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Donna Jacobs

Date: 8-20-22

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My name is Cole Swanner, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Cole Swanner

Date: 8/21/22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Quincie Duncan, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature:

Quincie Duncan

Date:

8/21/22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Billy J. Darner, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature:

Billy Darner

Date:

8-21-22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Lori Duncan, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Lori Duncan

Date: 8/21/22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Tonya Potts, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Tonya Potts

Date: 8/21/22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Dustin G. Oliver, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

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PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is _____, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: _____

Mandy Fite

Date: _____

8-20-22

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My name is Kenneth Andrews, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: Kenneth Andrews

Date: 8-20-2023

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Steve Cooper, I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: _____



Date: 8-21-22

PETITION AGAINST THE INCORPORATION OF DIKE, TX

My name is Maycee Potts (Maycee Potts), I am a resident of Dike, TX within Hopkins County TX. As a resident, I DO NOT agree with the Petitioning of Incorporating Dike. Please, take my vote into account while considering the Incorporation of Dike, TX. Thank you in advance for your time and attention concerning this matter.

Signature: _____

Maycee Potts

Date: _____

8-21-2022