

# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

## WESTWING RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION REPUBLIC SERVICES OF PHOENIX

**PROJECT REQUEST:** 1) Zone Change with Overlay from IND-2 IUPD to IND-3 IUPD; and 2) Precise Plan of Development Approval

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Immediately south of the southwest corner of the WestWing Power Substation (the northwest corner of APN 503-53-025U), approximately 3,060 feet northeast of the intersection of N. El Mirage Road and Loop 303



### ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. Z2021090

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## I. Introductory Statement

Republic Services has engaged in an unprecedented level of community outreach both in advance of filing and during the processing of this rezoning application. The subject property is located more than a quarter mile from any resident, separated from all homeowners by either a Freeway or a 185 acre power station, and will use a brand new road system that serves no existing residents.

Despite the complete isolation of its proposed site from any home, Republic has personally met with hundreds of area residents, contacted more than three dozen community associations, and engaged directly with hundreds of residents on line and in writing. Specifically, Republic has already:

- Contacted all **37 HOAs** within ten miles of the site, and offered to meet with them; 14 agreed to meet, and we did so.
- Hosted four Open Houses on the site attended by more than **100 residents**.
- Hosted three Tele Town Halls attended by **more than 400 people**.
- Participated in HOA virtual meetings with Corte Bella, Sunleya, Vistancia and Trilogy at Vistancia, attended by around **220 people**.
- Toured the Corte Bella Government Affairs Committee (11 residents) on site at the existing Cave Creek Recycling and Transfer Station, including a visit to the tipping floor itself, as well as the closest single family home.
- Hosted a community clean-up in the Agua Fria Riverbed.
- Distributed eight project newsletters to **more than 750 people**.
- Operated a project website which contains all information about the site, including a video tour, all of our technical reports (noise, traffic and property values), and a contact point.
- Responded via e-mail and the project website to **more than one hundred** individual citizen comments.

While differences of opinion will remain, there is no question that Republic has left unanswered. This extensive effort has occurred despite the challenge of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. None of these efforts are required by the County's Ordinance; Republic undertook all of these efforts voluntarily. As the rezoning application continues to move through the County process, Republic will continue to be available to answer questions and listen to concerns throughout the processing of its rezoning request.

## II. Description of the Proposal

Republic has filed a Zone Change Application ("Application") with Maricopa County to rezone approximately 10 acres of property located immediately south of the southwest corner of the WestWing Power Substation (in the northwest corner of Maricopa County Assessor Parcel Number 503-53-025U) ("Property"). The Property is currently zoned Light Industrial Zoning District Industrial Plan of Development (IND-2 IUPD), and is vacant with no improvements. The

Application requests to rezone the Property to Heavy Industrial Zoning District Industrial Plan of Development (IND-3 IUPD) to allow for the development of a recycling and transfer station on the Property.

### III. General Purpose and Scope of Public Outreach Prior to Submittal

As explained above, Republic selected the Property because it is isolated from both any single family residential subdivision and any access road that any single family residential subdivision in the broader area uses to reach either a Major Arterial road or the Loop 303. In an effort to notify communities beyond the buffers of the 303 and the WestWing substation, Republic took a broad array of steps to ensure public awareness of the forthcoming proposal before filing its rezoning application. This broad public outreach effort provided the public with an opportunity to acquire information, ask questions and offer comments. Despite the pandemic, much of this contact was in person or by live video or audio in a public setting.

### IV. In-Person Contacts

#### A. Homeowners Associations

To begin, in February 2021, Republic notified the Management Company or the Board of each Homeowner’s Association within ten (10) miles of the Property. See **Table 1** below for a list of the thirty-seven HOA entities that Republic reached out to, and those entities’ respective responses. Of those 37 HOAs, fourteen of them accepted our offer to meet at least once, more than a third of the total contacted. The Applicant met, either virtually or person, with the Boards or appropriate Government Affairs Committee of each of these fourteen HOAs, engaged in dialogue about the project, and solicited public input.

**Table 1. Initial HOA and Community Association Outreach**

HOA/Community Association	Jurisdiction	Approx. Distance from Proposed Location	HOA/Community Association Contact Person	Association requested a meeting?
Blackstone at Vistancia	Peoria	2.8 miles	Dick Rosenhagen	Yes. Virtual meeting held on 02/26/2021
Caballos Del Rio	Peoria	9.8 miles	Jayne Ashmun	No
Caletas at Blackstone	Peoria	2.8 miles	Jackie Monty	No
Cibola Vista	Peoria	3.8 miles	Paul Rubin	No
Coldwater Ranch	Maricopa County	4,400 feet	City Property, Property Management Company	No  Note: Republic did not contact the Coldwater

				Ranch HOA until July
Corte Bella	Maricopa County	4,000 feet	Deb Raeder, Duane Yantorno	Yes. Meetings detailed below
Cross River	Maricopa County	2,500 feet	Bud Leiner	Yes. Waiting on Cross River to confirm meeting date and time
Desert Bloom	Peoria	2.8 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes. Meeting held on 02/09
Desert Sky	Peoria	2.8 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes. Meeting held on 02/09
Dos Rios	Maricopa County	1,900 feet	Ashley Moscarello, Attorney	No
Florenza	Peoria	2.8 miles	Karri Hunt	No
Happy Valley Says No to a Waste Transfer Station	N/A	N/A	Vanessa and Thomas Angell, JJ Fowlie	Yes. Meetings held on 02/05/2021 and 02/09/2021
La Strada Del Lago HOA, Inc.	Peoria	3.5 miles	Mark Rounsaville	No
Melton Ranch 1	Peoria	2.7 miles	Mark Rounsaville	No
Montora Preserve	Peoria	4.2 miles	Emma Mitchell	No
Pleasant Valley	Peoria	3.2 miles	Brad Schaeffer	No
Pleasant Valley	Peoria	3.2 miles	Erin O'Donnell	No
Querencia	Peoria	3.4 miles	Emma Mitchell	No
Rancho Cabrillo	Maricopa County	1.4 miles	Kristin Anderson	Yes. Meeting held on 02/25/2021
Rock Springs Community Association	Peoria	5.2 miles	Sharon Payan	No
Silver Canyon Ranch (Vista Montana II)	Peoria	5.5 miles	Jayne Ashmun	No
Sonoran Mountain Ranch Community Association	Peoria	6.5 miles	Dave Heckler	No
Spectrum Management (Dos Rios)	Maricopa County	0.4 miles	Christopher Reynolds	No
Stonebridge Ranch	Peoria	3.3 miles	Jered Meyer	No
Summit at Sunrise Mountain	Peoria	4.7 miles	Brad Schaeffer	No

Community Association				
Sun City West PORA	Sun City	3.8 miles	Bob Miller	Yes. In person meeting held on 02/09/2021
Sunleya	Maricopa County	0.8 mi	Adam Vincent, Lilli Foster	Virtual Town Hall held on 03/11/2021
Sunrise Vista	Peoria	5.4 miles	Jayne Ashmun	No
Sunset Ridge	Peoria	3.5 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes. Meeting held on 02/09/2021
Talas (Wyndham Village)	Peoria	6.1 miles	Shannon Baxter	Request for information only, information provided on 02/09/2021
Tierra Del Rio North	Peoria	1.8 miles	Jamie Murad	No
Tierra Del Rio South	Peoria	1.8 miles	Jamie Murad	No
Trilogy at Vistancia	Peoria	2.8 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes, meetings held on 02/09/2021 and 7/26/2021
Trilogy Boulevard	Peoria	2.5 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes, meeting held on 02/09/2021
Trilogy West	Peoria	3.2 miles	Jennifer Thomasson	Yes, meeting held on 02/09/2021
Village at Vistancia	Peoria	1.6 miles	Dick Rosenhagen, Melissa Parsons	Yes, virtual meeting held on 02/26/2021
Vista Montana (Ventana Picachos)	Peoria	4.2 miles	Jaynee Ashmun	No
WestWing Mountain	Peoria	4.2 miles	Darline Castellaneta, Shelby Roberts	No

**1. Corte Bella HOA Governmental Affairs Committee.** There are two existing HOAs that are located on the south side of the El Mirage and Loop 303 interchange, Corte Bella and Sunleya. Because Republic’s proposed facility will also be using the El Mirage interchange, these are our neighbors with whom we attempted to have significant interaction.

Republic values its regular and frequent interaction with the Corte Bella Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), and appreciates the courtesy and civility the GAC has extended to us. Neither the GAC nor the Corte Bella HOA have taken a position on this rezoning proposal at this time, so

we extend this gratitude to these volunteer leaders of the Corte Bella community without expectation.

In addition to regular logistical interaction with the Corte Bella GAC to arrange meetings and communications, the highlights of that dialogue are as follows:

- March 3, 2021: Virtual Town Hall meeting. The GAC hosted a Town Hall at which Republic representative appeared in person at Corte Bella and fielded questions from callers into a video broadcast. **More than 100 residents** of Corte Bella and other area communities attended and asked questions for about 60 minutes. Following the meeting, and at the request of the GAC, Republic representatives developed a written summary of issues discussed during the Town Hall. See **Exhibit 1**.
- March 12, 2021: Notification to Corte Bella GAC of Pre-Application filing
- April 19, 2021: Traffic Study shared with Corte Bella GAC prior to public announcement
- April 29, 2021: Property Value Assessment shared with Corte Bella GAC prior to public announcement
- May 13, 2021: **Republic hosted a tour** at its existing Cave Creek recycling and transfer facility for the Corte Bella GAC. **Eleven residents** attended, see **Exhibit 2**. Attendees were taken on a walking tour around the facility and onto the tipping floor. They also visited the home nearest to the facility to experience if they could see, smell or hear the facility from that distance.
- September 20, 2021: Noise Study shared with Corte Bella GAC and agreement made for Republic to provide quarterly updates to the Committee.

**2. Sunleya HOA.** Sunleya is the other community that is close to the south side of the El Mirage interchange. Republic attended Sunleya’s virtual HOA meeting on March 11, 2021. **Twenty-five residents** attended and Republic answered questions about traffic, property values and bulk trash. Residents were encouraged to reach out to Republic with any additional questions/concerns moving forward.

**3. HOA Community Meetings.** Since the unveiling of the proposed WestWing facility, representatives from Republic Services have hosted and/or attended **eight public meetings** hosted by HOAs, reaching **approximately 220 residents** directly.

**Table 2. HOA Community Meetings**

Stakeholder	Meeting Type	Date	Stakeholder Contact Person	Number of Attendees
Corte Bella HOA	In Person	February 17, 2021	Duane Yantorno, Government Affairs Committee Chair	25
Corte Bella HOA	Virtual	March 3, 2021	Duane Yantorno, Government Affairs Committee Chair	100+

Sunleya HOA	Virtual	March 11, 2021	Adam Vincent, HOA President	32
Corte Bella HOA	Cave Creek Transfer Station Tour (in person)	March 13, 2021	Duane Yantorno, Government Affairs Committee Chair	11
Vistancia	Virtual	May 25, 2021	HOA President Richard Eckenrode and Dick Rosenhagen	21
Trilogy at Vistanica	Virtual	July 26, 2021	Jennifer L. Thomasson, Director of Community Association	10
Pleasant Valley HOA	In person	August 16, 2021	Erin O'Donnell, Community Manager	15
Corte Bella GAC	Hybrid	September 20, 2021	Duane Yantorno, Government Affairs Committee Chair	10
Total				224

**B. Open Houses**

As previously indicated, the Property is isolated from any and all homes in the area. We believe that **the isolation of the Property is best appreciated by visiting the Property itself**. Republic Services has hosted four (4) in-person Open Houses on the Property while the weather was nice, on February 13, 2021; March 6, 2021; October 9, 2021 and October 30, 2021. At the Open Houses, members of the project team were also available to answer questions about the proposed facility.

To ensure safe social distancing per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Republic divided the Spring 2021 events into time slots, with a maximum of 40 attendees on the Property per time slot. Allowing up to 40 attendees on a 10 acre parcel allowed ample distancing per person. Masks were required of all attendees and Republic representatives.

To publicize the Open Houses, Republic extended invitations in each of its first four newsletters (see below), on its project website (see below), at its Tele Town Halls (see below), and at its meetings with the Corte Bella HOA. In addition, Republic extended invitations to each HOA representative and individual whom Republic met with in early February. Finally, Republic ran an advertisement for the February and March Open Houses in *The Peoria Times*. In all of its invitations for the Spring 2021 Open Houses, Republic directed interested attendees to its website so that they could RSVP and understand the Open House Covid protocols.

The first Open House had **65 attendees**, the second Open House had **23 attendees**, the third Open House had **11 attendees**, and the fourth Open House had **no attendees**. The diminishing attendance at the Open Houses is a clear result of diminished interest in this proposal, because

all of Republic's public outreach efforts have provided an overwhelming abundance of information about the proposal. See **Exhibit 3** for the sign in sheets from these events. The Applicant discussed the proposed project, answered attendees' questions, and also solicited attendees' input. Complimentary food and beverages were made available in accordance with CDC guidelines. To capture attendees' input, comment cards were made available each Open House, see **Exhibit 4**. See **Exhibit 5** for the newspaper advertisement, flyers, e-mail and social media post advertising the Open Houses.

### **C. Tele Town Halls**

In an additional effort to make information safely and publicly available during the pandemic, Republic Services held three (3) separate, virtual, open public meetings, called Tele Town Halls. These Tele Town Halls were promoted through **more than 8,000 direct and automated phone calls** to residents in the area, including concerned HOAs. The recorded calls invited residents to stay on the line to participate in the live tele town hall, and the message also invited residents to attend the in-person Open House events. The Tele Town Halls were conducted on February 11, 2021; February 16, 2021 and September 19, 2021.

Each Town Hall was approximately 1 hour long. **145 participants** attended the first Town Hall, **164 participants** attended the second Town Hall, and **120 participants** attended the third Town Hall, for a combined total of **429 attendees**. See **Exhibits 6, 7 and 8** for lists of the Town Hall attendees. Audio recordings of each of the Tele Town Halls are available to the public on the WestWing website at <https://westwingtransfer.com/resources/>.

Republic intends to host a fourth Tele Town Hall in November.

### **D. Community Cleanup**

During ongoing communication with the community, the Applicant learned of illegally dumped material near the Agua Fria River bed and Tierra del Rio. On March 3, 2021, the Applicant hosted a free cleanup of this area and hauled away more than eleven (11) tons of trash. See **Exhibit 9** advertising and summarizing the cleanup. Two community members participated in the cleanup alongside Republic Services, successfully removing couches, carpet, bottles, cans and a large amount of concrete.

### **E. Other Meetings with Interested Citizens**

The Applicant also met with Vanessa Angell and Thomas Angell on February 5, 2021 to continue ongoing discussions about the northwest valley's need for a transfer station. The Applicant met again with Mr. and Mrs. Angell, and JJ Fowlie, on February 9, 2021 to discuss the upcoming rollout of the proposed WestWing facility. Mr. and Ms. Angell and Mr. Fowlie lead opposition against the Applicant's rezoning case at 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Happy Valley Road (Case Z2020017). Mr. Fowlie is a Phoenix Firefighter and was the face of the "Stop the Stinky Station" opposition campaign in Case Z2020017. Republic Services continued to keep in direct contact with Mr. Fowlie via phone and an in person meeting through early March 2021. Mr. Fowlie was invited to, but did not participate in, the March 3, 2021 community clean up lead by Republic Services.

## V. Multi-Media General Outreach

In addition to the hundreds of in-person contacts detailed above, Republic has simultaneously been operating a multi-faceted general outreach campaign to make project information readily available to interested members of the public.

### A. Project Website

The key to Republic's general outreach effort has been its website. Beginning February 9, 2021, a project website was made publicly available 24/7, <https://westwingtransfer.com/>. The website contains information about Republic Services, Frequently Asked Questions, a video tour of the Property, and contact information for Republic Services.

To assess what impact the proposed transfer facility could have on surrounding residences, Republic Services commissioned the following studies and publicly posted them at <https://westwingtransfer.com/resources/>:

- April 1, 2021: Traffic Study (**Exhibit 10**). Republic also posted the WestWing Business Park and QuikTrip traffic studies to the website.
- April 29, 2021: Property Values Study (**Exhibit 11**)
- July 28, 2021: Noise Study (**Exhibit 12**)
- October 7, 2021: Draft 75-Acre Industrial Park Economic & Fiscal Impact Report (**Exhibit 13**)

Republic will continue to publicly post information throughout the processing of its rezoning application, including the application itself and any and all public hearing dates.

Republic responds to all questions received through the website. From February 9, 2021 through October 10, 2021, Republic received a total of **142 contacts** through the website. Of those, **78 contacts** posed questions to which Republic responded. Republic will continue to respond to all substantive questions received.

The entire application for Z2021090 is available for public view and download at [https://westwingtransfer.com/resource\\_category/rezoning-application/](https://westwingtransfer.com/resource_category/rezoning-application/)

### B. Newsletters

Republic has periodically issued newsletters via e-mail to hundreds of interested citizens about the project. To compile this mailing list, Republic utilized the e-mail addresses of all residents who submitted public comments on Case Z2020017, and to those additional residents who have reached out to the Applicant regarding the proposed WestWing Transfer Facility. The newsletter mailing list currently includes **778 residents**, see **Exhibit 14** for the distribution list.

The newsletters contain information about the proposed facility in relation to noise, traffic, and property values, and address frequently asked questions. See **Exhibit 15** for all **nine** of the newsletters that have been published to date:

- February 9, 2021: Announcement of proposed WestWing facility location
- February 11, 2021: Dialogue with the community leads to free bulk trash service and commitment to install downward-facing lighting
- February 19, 2021: Summary of community outreach to date and invitation to March 6, 2021 open house
- February 26, 2021: Invitation to community cleanup on March 3, 2021
- March 10, 2021: Summary of open houses and community cleanup
- April 9, 2021: Announcement and publication of traffic report
- April 29, 2021: Announcement and publication of property values study
- October 4, 2021: Invitation to the Open House on October 9, 2021
- October 25, 2021: Invitation to the Open House on October 30, 2021

In addition, on February 25, 2021 Republic ran an ad in the *Peoria Times* notifying readers of its exploration of the WestWing site for a potential transfer station. See **Exhibit 16**.

### **C. E-mail Correspondence**

Republic Services embraces the importance of stakeholder communication. In addition to direct correspondence through the website, Republic and its representatives have engaged in direct e-mail communication with interested parties. Stephen Herring, Municipal Relationship Manager for Republic Services, has served as a community liaison since this new, proposed location was unveiled to residents in February 2020. He has, and will continue to maintain, communication with interested residents and HOAs, answering questions and providing requested information via phone, e-mail and in-person meetings.

On behalf of Republic, Gammage & Burnham also continues to engage with the community via e-mail, responding to questions in a timely manner. In addition, Gammage & Burnham continues to respond to residents who submitted public comments to Maricopa County.

## **VI. Outcomes of Early Community Outreach**

In addition to providing copious amounts of information to interested citizens, Republic has received useful feedback through this continued dialogue, and as a result, has made multiple new commitments to the community. These commitments will foster a harmonious relationship with regard to the proposed transfer facility:

- Providing free monthly bulk disposal for nearby residents
- Providing a dedicated telephone hotline for residents to report issues immediately

See **Exhibit 17** for the complete list of community commitments that Republic has posted on the website.

## **VII. Republic Actions upon Submittal of Rezoning Application**

### **A. Description of the Minimum Required Community Involvement Area**

In accordance with Sections 305.4, 305.5.1, and 305.5.2 of the County Zoning Ordinance, and within 30 days upon submitting the Application, Republic sent written notice by first class mail to:

- i) each real property owner as shown on the last assessment of Property within three hundred (300) feet of the proposed rezone boundary,
- ii) the heads of any homeowners associations within three hundred (300) feet of the proposed rezone boundary, and
- iii) the City of Peoria, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and other potentially affected citizens who have requested that they be placed on the routing list maintained by Maricopa County.

The notice by mail included the description of the area of the proposed change, the name of the applicant, and contact information for the applicant. Republic submitted a copy of the notice and an affidavit demonstrating proof of such notification to Maricopa County on September 1, 2021, within 30-days of Application submittal (see **Exhibit 18**).

There are no homes or HOAs within this 300 foot range. Indeed, there are no homes or HOAs within one quarter mile of the Property. All residences in the broader area are separated from the Property by the Loop 303 and its large sound wall to the south, and the WestWing substation to the north.

The County has identified additional parties in interest affected by this proposal as Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Property Owners & Residents Association for Sun City West (PORA), Mining District, Lafarge North America, Concerned Citizens of Cross River, Philip Spiller, Ed Grant, Maricopa Association of Governments, ADOT Right of Way Project Management, Sun City West Independent, North County Fire District, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, WestWing Business Park, Insight Land, City of Surprise and City of Peoria (see **Exhibit 19**).

### **B. Additional Notice of Filing Outreach**

In addition to the parties required by the County Zoning Ordinance, Republic also directly notified all 14 of the HOA contacts with whom we have previously met, identified in Table 1 above. As part of this notification, Republic offered to once again meet with these HOAs if they wished to do so. For a complete list of the direct notices of filing, see **Exhibit 20**.

As indicated previously, Republic believes that the best way to view the remote nature of this proposal is from the site itself. Republic expects that its resubmittal will be in the County staff's

review process at that time, and public hearings before the Commission will not have taken place, so there will be ample time for interested citizens to see the site in advance of public hearings. As we did for all four of the Open House events, Republic will continue to follow COVID-19 protocols that are in place at the time for any additional site visits.

Republic also found Tele Town Halls to be an effective way to reach a lot of people in a short and effective manner, allowing people to ask questions from the comfort of their home. Thus, Republic intends to hold a fourth Tele Town Hall to maintain lines of direct communication.

In the Introductory Statement, Republic identified an array of public outreach measures. The list above, when combined with the website and e-mails, each separately addressed below, illustrates that we will continue to deploy the most effective means of direct communication we have used throughout this project.

### **C. Website**

Republic has posted its entire application on its existing project website for any interested citizen to review. In its notices, Republic has directed all interested parties to the project website. This continues Republic's practice of making all public documents readily available to interested citizens. The web address for the project website is <https://westwingtransfer.com/resources/>

### **D. Site Posting**

In accordance with Section 305.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, and on September 1, 2021 (within 30 days upon submitting the Application), Republic posted notification signage near the property regarding the proposed zoning change.

Republic selected this Property because of its extreme isolation. Thus, sign postings on the Property, as required by the County, would be seen by no one. Therefore, in an effort to ensure visible signage, Republic voluntarily posted signs at the south corner of the intersection of Vistancia Parkway and Happy Valley Road and at the southeast corner of the interchange of El Mirage Road and the 303 (see **Exhibit 21**). In addition to the County's standard text, these signs clearly indicate the actual, remote location of the Property.

The postings include a brief description of the area of the proposed change, a general explanation of the nature of the proposed change, the name of the applicant, and contact information for the applicant. Republic submitted a signed sign posting affidavit, along with photographic evidence, to Maricopa County to demonstrate proof of posting within 30 days of the Application submittal (see **Exhibit 22**).

## **E. Response Procedures**

In accordance with Section 305.5.3 and 305.5.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, property owners and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Republic to discuss any questions or concerns they have regarding the Application. Republic has posted the entire Application for zoning case Z2021090 on its publicly available project website. A copy of the Application is also on file with the Maricopa County Planning and Development Department.

Individuals are free to contact Republic or the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department at any time during the application review process. Republic anticipates receiving additional inquiries throughout the rezoning process, either through the project website or to its representatives at Gammage & Burnham. We will continue to respond to all substantive inquiries.

## **F. Status Procedure**

Should any material changes or amendments to the proposed development occur after Republic's initial notification has been mailed to residents and interested parties, Republic will contact the affected parties describing the changes. Republic will provide a record of this follow-up to the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department.

In accordance with Sections 305.6 and 305.9 of the Zoning Ordinance and prior to the notice of public hearing, Republic will submit a written report with results of the citizen participation effort. Republic will prepare this report in accordance with Sections 305.9.1 and 305.9.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.

## **VIII. Stakeholder Response to Date**

### **A. Neighbors**

To reiterate, the Site has no residential neighbors at all. Our only neighbors are public infrastructure providers.

The Western Area Power Administration has expressed no objection to the rezoning case, see **Exhibit 23**. They have expressed no concern about public safety or fire issues.

Arizona Fire & Medical Service operates a fire station just northwest of the Power Station. They have already issued a will serve letter for the proposed Facility. See **Exhibit 24**. Republic has met with Arizona Fire & Medical, and is engaged in ongoing dialogue with them. They have asked Republic to provide an emergency-only secondary access to the Site, and Republic has modified its site plan to do so.

The Arizona Department of Transportation has also expressed no objection, see **Exhibit 25**.

## B. Public Response

Public reaction has shown some support, some opposition, and some neutrality after learning more about the proposal. Documentation of both opposition and support are on file with the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department, and are available from the Applicant upon request.

As suggested above already, as Republic continues to host both virtual and in-person community events, interest in and opposition to the case has continued to decline. This downward trend demonstrates effective communication about the proposed project, including its risks and benefits. See **Exhibit 26, Open House Attendance** for a graphical representation of declining interest in the case. Likewise, Republic's most recent Tele Town Hall only lasted about 45 minutes, also indicating a general public satisfaction with the amount of available information about the proposal.

Community leaders and organizations have expressed support for the Recycling & Transfer Facility. This begins with the entire Legislature delegation of District 22, each of whom took the time to provide their individual thoughts to the County. It includes Surprise Mayor Skip Hall, who touted the recycling aspects of the Facility, and Phoenix City Councilman Jim Waring, whose District includes a similar facility. The Peoria Chamber of Commerce, an important community business organization, has indicated their support. See **Exhibit 27, Community Leadership Letters of Support**.

## IX. Anticipated Application Schedule

In accordance with Section 305.5.5, Republic's anticipated application schedule is as follows:

<b>Community Outreach:</b>	Beginning February 9, 2021
<b>WestWing Project Website Active:</b>	February 9, 2021
<b>Pre-Application Filing:</b>	March 12, 2021
<b>Pre-Application Meeting:</b>	April 13, 2021
<b>Application Submitted:</b>	August 4, 2021
<b>Stakeholder Mailing:</b>	September 1, 2021
<b>Site Posting:</b>	September 1, 2021
<b>Technical Advisory Committee Meeting:</b>	September 21, 2021
<b>Second Submittal:</b>	November 4, 2021
<b>Tele Town Halls:</b>	February 11, 2021 February 16, 2021 September 19, 2021
<b>Open Houses:</b>	February 13, 2021 March 6, 2021 October 9, 2021 October 30, 2021
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting:</b>	To be determined

**Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

To be determined