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Hi, Marissa:

Per Mayor Rogin's suggestion, here's my thoughts on the Cemex permit:

I am in favor of the County granting the 15-year Cemex permit extension for quarrying at Dowe Flats. The 15-year limit provides a certain date for the closing of the Cemex operation; without this extension, Cemex will continue to operate indefinitely with materials transported in from other sites. It is far better environmentally to allow mining of materials onsite rather than truck or transport by rail materials from elsewhere and the use of carbon-based fuels for such transportation. Further, the potential additional commitments from Cemex include considerable new open space for the County and some \$12.6M in additional savings for land acquisition and rental payments. Without the guarantee of open space, Dowe Flats could be the site of hundreds of homes and commercial development (as has been proposed in the past) - the last thing the Lyons PPA needs.

One final thought; the statement that operation of the plant "will preclude the county from meeting its carbon reduction goals" is, to me, a red herring. Boulder County has allowed tremendous growth (see City of Longmont expansion and Boulder's 30th St. development as examples) which also precludes their meeting its carbon reduction goals by adding thousands of residents, their vehicles and the construction and extensive heating and cooling of thousands of buildings.

Thanks for allowing the opportunity to comment.

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