

10505 Cobblestone Drive | Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553

January 3, 2019

Board Member Paul Trampe
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 99
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I read about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project on the Internet last week. I'm writing to encourage you to vote in favor of this project coming to our county. Solar energy is going to be the future, so let's get in on the ground floor of that while we can!

It makes a lot of sense to put this unused land in Spotsylvania County to good use, especially when it will generate tax revenue for the area. No one minds lower taxes, and the Solar Energy Center will help reduce our individual tax burdens. The tax revenue generated from this project will help provide money for emergency services. It will also potentially help us not have another increase in property taxes to cover those services.

Whether or not you believe in global warming, utilizing renewable resources like solar energy over fossil fuels only makes environmental, as well as economic, sense for our future. We need to be proactive about taking care of our environment, and relying on foreign sources for energy raises the cost of gasoline and everything else.

Finally, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring new jobs to our county. More jobs are good, and having lower unemployment rates benefits the community and even gives people the chance to start a career. I would like to see more businesses come to Spotsylvania, so why not start with the Solar Energy Center?

Finally, I ask you and the Board of Supervisors this: how can anyone argue against clean energy, no pollution, and benefiting our community economically? I certainly cannot. As a resident of Spotsylvania for over 22 years and an active voter, I am asking you to please vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center project.

Regards,


Kevin Hutchings

1/8/19

Connie Dove
8815 Crismond Lane
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Board Member Greg Benton
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 99
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Dear Board Member Benton,

I feel it would be absolutely wonderful for our county to move forward with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project is a really good use of resources. We're getting the sun anyway, so we might as well turn it into electricity! Plus, this endeavor will bring in a lot of new jobs that would make a lot of people's dreams come true. For so many reasons, I'm 200% for this plan. I'm surprised we haven't done it sooner considering the benefits. It's time for you and your colleagues to get this project going.

The tax revenue from the Solar Energy Center will amount to about \$600,000 a year. They'll also contribute additional funds to local services. All of that money could go toward our county and its residents, and that would be great. It will help kids in the future to get what they need for school. Our firefighters could get a raise and do their jobs better because they're not worrying about money. It could even reduce residents' tax burden. It would help me a great deal if my property taxes could be reined in because of this revenue.

By approving this project, you can improve our children's future and the lives of residents right now. We can always rely on the sun. This project is economically feasible. Even better, we're not using coal that causes pollution that ruins the waters, the soil, and the air. It's just perfect. As a lifelong Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I ask you to use your vote to ensure the sPower project happens.

Thank you,

Connie Dove

Christopher Trent | 12106 Kingswood Boulevard | Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 99
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

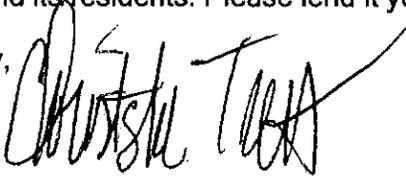
Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

As someone who works in the electricity industry, I wanted to take a moment to share my thoughts on a proposed solar energy project. I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center for a number of reasons. First, it will bring money to the county in the form of tax revenue. Second, it will provide a better source for making electricity. Third, it will create jobs that are needed in the county. Considering these many benefits, I want to urge you and your colleagues to vote in favor of this project.

Currently, the land for the Center is generating \$20,000 in property taxes annually. If the Center is built, it will generate **\$600,000** in revenue each year. I feel very good about taking land that is not generating a sizable amount of revenue and turning it into a larger, steady income. That steady income could help lower property taxes for residents like me. It would be good to save some money and be able to enjoy a few more things in life! The county could also use those funds to improve schools, roads or other utilities that the public needs.

As you can see, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring many good things to our county and its residents. Please lend it your full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Trent", written over a white background.

Christopher Trent

Thomas Gordon
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 21, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

As a realist, I know that our traditional energy resources are eventually going to run out. We must look for newer, better and more efficient ways to live our lives. I believe that solar energy is an avenue that would be viable to the future of Americans now and long after I'm gone. Thus, I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project and want to encourage you to do the same.

To me, one of the best benefits of the project is that the tax revenue will support local services. Our teachers, as well as our firefighters and police officers, are very underpaid. I know many people in those occupations. The money they receive is substandard for the job that they do.

There isn't enough money for raises or to provide more help where it's needed. A revenue stream coming into the county from the Center will help us continue to provide services and get money coming in to fund amenities, supplies and the labor force that they need to provide the services that they do.

I also believe the Solar Energy Center will good for national security as it will reduce our dependence on foreign oil sources. We need to be more self-sufficient rather than relying on other countries to support us. After all, one day the supply is going to be cut off. When that happens, we will need somewhere to turn, and these renewable energy sources will be the answer.

There will also be immediate economic benefits from the project. During the construction phase, hundreds of people will come to build the Center and will be staying here. While here, they will need to buy food and clothing. All of that spending will give our local economy a boost.

I grew up around coal mines, and they destroy the earth. If we continue to harm the environment, it's a death sentence for residents and the entire planet. Conversely, this source goes on and doesn't use other resources to make the machine move. Once the Energy Center is built, it will be there and be continually used, and we won't continue to harm the planet.

We can't keep doing what we're doing. If we can use a renewable resource like energy with a renewable source like the sun or wind, it's the way to go. Please help ensure this project moves forward by casting your vote in favor of it.

Sincerely



Thomas Gordon

Donna Mayfield

From: Claudette Taylor <claudette046@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Thomas G. Benton; Chris Yakabouski; Kevin Marshall; Timothy J. McLaughlin; David Ross; Paul D. Trampe; Gary Skinner; Aimee Mann; Wanda Parrish; Paulette Mann; Patrick White; concernedcitizensspotsylvania@gmail.com
Subject: S Power

To all the board of Supervisors,

The meeting on February 26 is a very important one. I am out of the area at this time but continue to follow the S Power project in our community. You have heard many reasons why those people that live in Spotsylvania don't want the solar farm in our neighborhood. All of these reasons affect ALL of us. Please listen to US and vote NO to S Power. Let some other area of the world be the first to have a giant solar farm not Spotsylvania.

Thank you, Claudette Taylor

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Donna Mayfield

From: Sean Fogarty <sfogarty77@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Paul D. Trampe; Chris Yakabouski; Timothy J. McLaughlin; David Ross; Gary Skinner; Kevin Marshall; Thomas G. Benton
Cc: Aimee Mann; Wanda Parrish; Karl Holsten; Dave Hammond; Mark Taylor; Patrick White; Edward Petrovitch
Subject: Economic Development/Fiscal Impact of sPower's SUPs - CCSC analysis

Dear Supervisors,

During your BOS meeting on Tuesday, I summarized CCSC's analysis of sPower's economic development and tax revenue claims and provided a hardcopy. Here is the link to that document:

[Economic Development Summary to BOS - Fogarty 12Feb2019](#)

We feel that it's critical to honestly evaluate the claimed economic benefits of this project. sPower and their attorney have made many claims in columns, at public meetings, in flyers mailed to residents and in newspaper advertisements. It's time those claims were thoroughly analyzed. It's our opinion that they don't hold much water. Highlights:

- During the last week Dave Hammond and I have talked with economic development officials at Currituck, Accomack and Southampton counties. All three said that they have seen no new economic development activity as a result of their utility solar plants. They also said that there was very little economic benefit during the construction phase of the project.. We provided the names of those officials should you or staff want to reach out to them (Tab A).
- No data center is going to move to Spotsylvania County because of the sPower plant – no evidence has been provided to support that claim.
- Estimates of construction jobs and economic impact have been inflated and aren't based on real world experience – just an economic model. There will likely be very little benefit to the County's economy from the construction phase. (Tab A)
- Similarly the economic impact during the operations phase is minimal. A restaurant or grocery store would provide the same number of employees and income with a much smaller footprint and impact on the county (Tab B).
- We took the time to provide rebuttals to the FRA memo and the DMME letter and included those in the package. The FRA memo has serious flaws but nonetheless was included in the staff report to the Planning Commission. I reached out to FRA's President over a month ago and have received no substantive response. sPower has quoted from the DMME letter on several occasions so we think it's important to hear the other side of that. The Governor (through DMME) is trying to influence this vote! (Tabs C and D)
- Net tax revenue from the project will be vastly overshadowed by the loss of tax revenue from the sale of Fawn Lake lots to sPower, from decline in property values and from revenue loss due to loss of construction activity from unbuilt lots. We've provided an easier to read bar graph to depict those impacts (Tab E).
- sPower's promises of other contributions to the county (panels for schools, \$ for water improvements etc) are constantly changing and unenforceable. Cash proffers aren't allowed so it would all be based on the developer's promises.

- I included two articles that address sPower’s credibility (Tabs F and G). Both are recent (2018) and should be cause for concern to anyone making a “handshake” deal with them. The one from Riverhead, NY involves sPower allegedly deceiving the local Planning Board.

This is a large document but I’ve broken it out into 7 tabs so that you can quickly locate our backup information. We would appreciate a close review of this information and are available to answer questions.

Our group has heard from a number of Supervisors that the economics of this huge proposal will be a critical factor in the decision making process - we believe that there should be no doubt that this project will be a net loser for the county financially.

Thank you and best regards,

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