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My family and I have lived in our early 1970's home for 27 years. Our home sits on just shy of one acre in the Serene/Scenic Hills community which was established almost 50 years ago. At that time, the sky was pitch black, there was one little school, zero traffic lights on Boerne Stage Road and you had chickens and cows in your backyard. People told us we were crazy to live so far away from the city, but that is what we loved about it.

Now, 27 years later, I barely see the stars because of all the light pollution, we have three schools, 6 traffic lights on Boerne Stage Road, the chickens and cows are gone, there is an HEB and Walmart and EVERYONE wants to, and IS coming out here to live, building expansive homes and large cars/trucks.

My little neighborhood which houses Primarily Primates, the nation's first primate animal rescue in North America, is now almost entirely surrounded and engulfed by proposed routes , 13, 14, 17 and 54 to fuel the newer, larger houses and neighborhoods, quickly multiplying by the hundreds and thousands of people demanding electricity. Those segments account for 72 habitable structures of which are all on an average of 1 acre.

We have lost so much already over the last few years with the new developments. I don't understand why our neighborhood, who has minded it's own business and utilized very little resources all these years, suddenly may end up bearing the brunt of a large substation in it's front yard with all the power lines.

Serene/Scenic Hills had 71 home owners who filed either as a protestor or an intervener. Of those, 13 live directly on Toutant Beauregard and 28 live one street from Toutant Beauregard indicating their strong conviction to prevent a substation and power lines from surrounding their older community.

I propose any routes originating from substation 6 where there are less habitable structures and I oppose any routes utilizing segments 54 and 17 where there are more habitable structures. I know there are many issues such as cost in this project, but I ask you to take in consideration the human side of this story...the people of Serene and Scenic Hills. We don't have a lawyer representing us, but we do have a small group of passionate and determined homeowners who have become like family trying to preserve what we can of our little community.