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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

My name is Jake McCook and I am a Sandoval County resident in District 2. I'm writing to ask that the commission reject Resolutions No. 2-23-22.10A and 2-23-22.10B regarding the 30x30 land preservation goals.

This is nothing but a political exercise by Commissioner Jay Block and taxpayer time/money should not be used for it.

The resolutions are almost exact carbon copies of those passed in other counties in New Mexico, including Chaves, Otero, Catron, Quay and Lea.

According to the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, these types of resolutions are being promoted by a dark money group based out of Texas called the American Stewards of Liberty. Their research shows the group was paid over \$185,000 by Chaves County to consult on land management issues which likely included passing this resolution, and I am concerned that my tax dollars are going to the same effort.

The arguments for these resolutions are not grounded in truth; nothing in the governor's or president's orders would allow the state or federal government from infringing on private property rights.

Even the resolutions acknowledge the goal of protecting New Mexico lands, watersheds, wildlife and natural heritage are "commendable."

I do not want Sandoval County, where I live, to become completely unrecognizable by unregulated development or from the damages of oil and gas.

I ask all commissioners, including Commissioner Block, to find more creative, productive ways to have serious conversations about land conservation than this partisan effort.

Please reject these resolutions and move on with more serious matters.