

From: Commissioner Pct 3
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 12:00 PM
Subject: RE: Concrete Batch Plant

Thank you for your email regarding the Five Star Concrete plant that is planned on Ronald Reagan Blvd. I understand your concerns regarding air quality, noise and traffic; however, counties in Texas do not have authority over land use. The Texas Legislature has made it very clear that those living outside of the city limits shall not have land use restrictions placed upon them by the county. Because of the State's statutes on land use and regulatory authority, this business does not need to seek any permits from Williamson County. Home rule cities, like Georgetown, can zone and regulate land use on properties inside of the city limits. In this instance, both the City of Georgetown and Williamson County have no ability to stop this plant from moving forward.

State Representative Terry Wilson and State Senator Charles Schwertner proposed HB 1912 and SB 1209 that would specifically address air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants. I have offered testimony in support of HB 1912 and am disheartened that it has once again been left pending in committee. I appreciate Rep. Wilson and Sen. Schwertner's continued efforts to make changes at the state level and give more oversight on concrete and quarry operations, but again, it looks like the rest of the state is unwilling to budge at this point.

My experience with the permitting process, a process that I disagree with, is that this concrete plant is working to meet the limited requirements from TCEQ. The public meeting scheduled for May 10 is one of these requirements; often, comments given by the public do not have much of an impact on the outcome.

I will be contacting Five Star Concrete to relay all of the comments and concerns that I have received in the hopes that they will commit to being good neighbors and working with the residents in Sun City and along Ronald Reagan.

Sincerely,

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