

1 the people that live in these particular dwellings
2 would end up not getting their units painted on the
3 same frequencies, and certain things with landscape,
4 like dead trees in front of their house.

5 MR. HOLLISTER: Your point is well
6 taken. And let me tell you why it can't happen.
7 Because the affordability plan requires that the
8 affordable units are spread among the entire
9 development. For what you just said to happen,
10 somebody would have to paint this side of this
11 building, but not that side of the building. That's
12 not going to happen. The whole idea is if they are
13 spread out, they are dispersed, they are
14 indistinguishable. So what you just suggested cannot
15 physically happen. Thank you. You raise a good
16 point.

17 MR. MCGUIGAN: Sir?

18 MR. KENNY: Paul Kenny I live at 1
19 Arc Road. And I'd just like to go on record as being
20 opposed to this, as I believe all most of the
21 residents in the Arc Road, Bright Road, and Woodside
22 area are. Thank you.

23 MR. MONOPOLI: Jim Monopoli for the
24 East Shore District Health Department. In that
25 capacity I'm director of health for the Town of

1 Branford. I'd like to make three points tonight.
2 I'll make them brief. I've listened to Mr. Hurley's
3 testimony. I agree with a lot of the statements that
4 he made, especially, the fact that landfill leachate
5 is variable and a very dynamic process. You can get a
6 variety of contaminants coming from a landfill, and
7 some of them that haven't been identified yet.

8 The second point is there seems to be, based on
9 Mr. Hurley's testimony, as well as some of the other
10 comments I heard here tonight; there is evidence there
11 that there is contamination, either through landfill
12 leachate, or possibly even activity on the site
13 itself. So I would respectfully ask the commission to
14 consider that potential. Residents deserve the right
15 to have a safe and healthy home environment. And if
16 there's any question in your mind, I would ask that
17 you get those questions answered before you make a
18 decision on this.

19 Thirdly, I would like to address Mr. Andres
20 question before regarding exposure. There's really
21 three routes of exposure, and I'm talking human
22 exposure. There are dermal exposures through direct
23 contact with a contaminant that could be absorbed
24 right through the skin. The second route of exposure
25 is actually ingestion. You see that in children,

1 especially, children who have a tendency to put things
2 in their mouth if they ingest a contaminated piece of
3 soil or a contaminated article that absorbed through
4 the digestive tract. The third route of exposure is
5 inhalation. And that's through normal respiration,
6 breathing. And you can absorb contaminants through
7 breathing those VOCs.

8 Those types of exposures can result in adverse
9 effects when you're subjected to levels of VOCs. VOCs
10 can run the gamut as far as health effects. Can they
11 can range from simple dermal irritants where you can
12 obtain a skin condition from exposure to VOCs. You
13 can have respiratory irritation from the venting off
14 of VOCs. Many VOCs are identified as asthma triggers
15 for children, especially. Many VOCs are identified as
16 carcinogens. And then carcinogens are agents that are
17 reasonably expected to cause cancer in humans, based
18 on a certain level of exposure over a certain period
19 of time that has been identified; that would suggest
20 exposure to VOCs that would result in cancer in
21 animals. It's very hard to translate that into an
22 exposure or risk criteria for humans. But suspected
23 carcinogens, the research will show that there is a
24 risk in animals. The translation to humans is very
25 difficult with that. So again, I would just ask the

1 commission to consider the information that was
2 presented tonight in making your decision.

3 MR. ANDRES: Can I just ask you what
4 sort of education or background you have that
5 qualifies to you comment on this subject?

6 MR. MONOPOLI: I have an
7 environmental background, a master's degree in public
8 health. I've been director of health for the East
9 Shore Health District for 3 and a half years.

10 MR. HOLLISTER: Mr. Monopoli, there
11 are houses directly on the west side of Tabor Drive.
12 Are you familiar with those? Is the Town of Branford
13 putting those owners in grave danger by allowing them
14 to live there?

15 MR. MONOPOLI: I don't know the
16 extent of the leachate plume. I'm just suggesting
17 that if there is information about a leachate plume
18 affecting this property, that it be explored before a
19 decision is made.

20 MR. MCGUIGAN: Other questions from
21 the public?

22 MR. HORN: My name is Bill Horn. I
23 live at 246 Pleasant Point Road in Branford. Some of
24 what I'm going to talk about tonight has to do with
25 the traffic report, so I'll state the limitation of my