



LEE'S SUMMIT CHAMBER

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Lee's Summit Chamber announces opposition for proposed landfill in south Kansas City

(LEE'S SUMMIT, Missouri) — The Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to oppose a proposed landfill in south Kansas City, citing serious concerns over potential detrimental effects the landfill could pose.

The proposed site is bordered by 147th Street to the north, Horridge Road to the east, 155th Street to the south and Peterson Road to the west.

"A landfill at our community's doorstep would be detrimental not only to our community's economic environment, but to the attraction of new businesses and residents," said Matt Baird, president of the Lee's Summit Chamber. "We feel that there is a higher and better use of the area than the development of a landfill. The proposed landfill would be located near the city limits of Lee's Summit and less than a mile from an LSR7 elementary school."

Baird said the state, with support from local communities, has made large investments toward I50 Highway — which could see massive amounts of wear and tear from traffic traveling in and out of the potential landfill.

"Lastly, this goes against the regional process of establishing a development like this," he said, noting that the project was initiated without the support and consent of the surrounding communities and school districts that will be negatively impacted.

"Our members have invested considerable time, money and energy into choosing this area as a homebase for their businesses and we are committed to protecting their interests and creating an environment in which our business community can prosper," Baird said. "We are dedicated to enhancing and sustaining the economic vitality and quality of life in our community and will respectfully oppose any future application for a landfill in this location that is so close to thousands of homes and multiple schools and businesses."

The Lee's Summit Chamber was incorporated in 1968 and is a member-supported organization of businesses dedicated to creating opportunities for business success through networking, advocacy, and business and professional development. For additional information, call the Chamber at 816-524-2424.

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