



MEDIA ALERT

Tonopah Residents Petition for Clint Hickman Withdrawal from Maricopa County Air & Environmental Issues

Industrial ag executive & Board of Supervisors chair in conflict-of-interest with community health decisions; STOPP cites ongoing EPA Clean Air Act inquiry of Hickman Family Farms

WHAT: The community group STOPP (Save Tonopah Oppose Poultry Plant) will deliver a signed petition during public comments at the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors meeting demanding that Board chairman Clint L. Hickman (District 4) disqualify himself from all further air quality & environmental decision-making to “avoid further conflicts of interest.”

County residents will assemble before the meeting to demonstrate & educate on the local health, environmental & economic impacts created by the massive Hickman operation.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 | 9:30am PT

WHERE: Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003

FROM THE PETITION:

Supervisor Hickman's family business, Hickman's Family Farms, is a large-scale, industrial egg production corporation that is believed to be a major source of local environmental pollution and a public health risk to Maricopa County communities causing valid concerns over suspected noncompliance with environmental laws, including the violation of air pollution regulations

FACTS:

- Hickman's Desert Pride facility currently houses more than **4 million** laying hens. It will eventually reach nearly **10 million** birds at an industrial-scale operation comprised of 28 laying houses, 2 processing plants and a total of 4 egg production wastewater ponds.
- The industrial-scale wastewater basins will be 6 feet deep and run nearly twice the length of a football field (540 ft), storing more than **3 million gallons** of contaminated liquid open to the environment and the community.
- The Hickman facility stands within a few hundred feet of Tonopah residences, businesses and natural hot springs, threatening air quality, water safety, public health, the local economy and the use, enjoyment and value of surrounding properties.

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