

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time the agenda item(s) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

**BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME:

STEVEN WILSON

DATE: 3-1-21

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325-998-3701

Do you represent any particular group or organization? Yes No (Circle One)

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

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Which agenda item(s) do you wish to address?

Solar Abatement

I am aware that my comments must be limited to the issues relating to the above referenced agenda item(s), and that I will be limited to five (5) minutes for my comments, subject to the discretion of the Court to allow me more time.

I am aware all speakers are required to adhere to the rules of procedure, conduct and decorum adopted by the Court on August 19, 2019.

(Upon completion of this form, please present it to the County Clerk. Unless this form is presented to the County Clerk, you may not be recognized for comments)

March 1, 2021
(Exhibit # 3)

Signature: 

Conflicts of Interest for Public Officials

County Commissioners are considered local public officials governed by the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code ("the Code"), which regulates conflicts of interests of officers of county and other local governmental bodies. If a local public official has a substantial interest in a business entity or in real property, before a vote or decision on any matter involving the entity or property, the official must file (with the official record keeper of the governmental body) an affidavit stating the nature and extent of the interest and abstain from further participation in the matter in the following circumstances:

- 1) in the case of a substantial interest in a business entity the action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the business entity that is distinguishable from the effect on the public; or
- 2) in the case of a substantial interest in real property, it is reasonably foreseeable that an action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the value of the property, distinguishable from its effect on the public.

A local public official is considered to have a substantial interest under the Code if a person related to the official in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under the Code, has a substantial interest in a business entity or real property.

A local public official who knowingly violates the statutory requirements governing the filing of a financial disclosure affidavit and abstention from voting commits a Class A misdemeanor, which in Texas will carry a punishment of up to a year in the county jail, and a fine of up to \$4,000.

It has come to our attention that there may be a Commissioner that has signed a Solar Agreement, is planning on signing a Solar Agreement or will probably end up signing a Solar Agreement and could have a conflict of interest under the Code if they participate and/or vote in any matter involving these projects before the Commissioners Court for consideration.

Delivered in person to the Brown County Commissioners Court, this 1st day of March, 2021 during the Open Forum before the regularly scheduled commissioners court meeting where a Solar development company has requested to be on the Agenda.



Steven Wilson

Date: 3-1-21

***Commissioners Court Members – Wayne Shaw, Joel Kelton, Larry Traweek, Gary Worley, and Judge Paul Lilliy.**

Open Records Request

This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FIA) as described in the Texas Local Government Code ("the Code"), which regulates the communications of officers and employees of the county and other local governmental bodies. The nature of this request is to obtain the records of all communication commencing May 1, 2019 to present from any individual, company, representative or contractor as it pertains to the proposed Tax Abatement request from IP Radian before this court as well as any communication dealing with all leasing, options or purchase agreements for lands between any parties and the officers and employees of the county. In addition, this request also includes any communication commencing December 1, 2018 to present between Intersect Power, Cummings Westlake, LLC, Ironwood Resources, Cypress Creek Renewables, Mustang Mountaineer Solar, LLC, NorthRenew Energy, LLC, Chermac Energy Corporation, BN Wind Project, LLC and any other companies representing renewable developers and the officers and employees of the county.

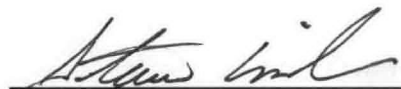
The information requested includes the following:

1. All written and electronic communication whether received by text or email;
2. All communication from individuals stating their position on the abatement;
3. All other communication between the parties which is covered by the FIA.

The above records may be provided in whatever manner that is the most efficient way for the county to provide.

If there are any fees for copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$500. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute to the public's understanding of the court's decision surrounding the proposed abatement.

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