

## Silvestri, Michael A.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:52 AM  
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**Subject:** Crematory <OPPOSED>

Mr. Silvestri and Council Members,

I ask that this e-mail be entered into the official record regarding the proposed crematory at the old Lazy Boy store on Route 19 in Peters Township.

My family lives in the Hidden Brook neighborhood less than a mile from the proposed crematory. We are vehemently opposed to the change in zoning to allow the crematory. We ask you and the council to consider the following:


1. **Property Values:** Rest assured, property values WILL decrease should a crematory go up in the proposed site or anywhere near our homes or schools. The so called "experts" hired by the applicant have been an insult to the intelligence of the council and the people who live in Peters Township.
2. **Environmental and Health Impact:** The environmental and health impacts are at best, conflicting and, at worse, a major detriment to our environment and the health of the people who live within "striking distance" of the crematory. In this day and age where city, state and federal governmental bodies are struggling with budget issues, it is highly unlikely that meaningful studies, oversight or monitoring will ever take place. The clear choice is NOT TO ALLOW a crematory or any other business with potential health hazards to inhabit the same neighborhood where our children play in the grass, climb the trees, walk the dogs and generally enjoy a high quality of life. Please ask yourselves: "with so many options to place a crematory outside the boundaries of neighborhoods and schools, why would we allow ANY business with questionable health and environmental risks to be placed right dab in the middle of our township?"
3. **Learn from History:** Hexavalent chromium contaminated the water supply and caused irreparable health issues in the town of Hinkley, CA in the 1990s. The contamination was caused by a compressor station of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) located in Hinkley. Just like many of the particulates given off by a crematory, hexavalent chromium is a known carcinogen. Despite the fact that hexavalent chromium was, at that time (and still is), known to be a danger to people, it wasn't appropriately monitored by any city, state or governmental authority. The result was a catastrophe memorialized in the movie Erin Brokovich.

**Peters Township Council: You have a choice. The preamble of the Home Rule Charter concludes with this sentence:**

***"It is our express purpose to establish an open government with the necessary flexibility to provide for orderly development of this community and protect the physical environment that we share."*** I ask you: does allowing a crematory less than 2 miles from 5 different schools and less than a mile from several neighborhoods protect our physical environment?"

Regards,

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