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My name is Katharine Hooker and I am fiercely opposed to the construction of a compost waste site in Sunol, Ca. I am 28 years old, live in Livermore and often visit my parent's home in Sunol. In addition, I commute to and from work, via Highway 680, 5 days a week. After reading the DEIR I have serious concerns for the health and safety of, not only, myself but also my loved ones who would be exposed to this site on a daily basis. I expect to begin having a family of my own in the near future. It would be a source of constant concern to sit in bumper to bumper traffic on 680 near the Sunol Grade for extended periods of time every day while being pregnant. I also have concerns for every member of my family, both immediate and extended, who I know use 680 every day. Not only for the health risks that the air pollution exposes them to, but also, the increase in traffic, including an influx of waste trucks entering and exiting at Andrade exit, that will, without question, increase the potential for dangerous accidents. All of the preceding are serious personal concerns and do not begin address the objections that I have to the increase in smell, noise, litter, and air pollution, especially for the children who attend school every day, for years on end, only 2 miles away at Sunol Glen Elementary School. With all of the above considerations I strongly suggest that the compost site be built in one of the other four more favorable (according to the DEIR) sites.

Sincerely,  
Katharine Hooker