

Public Comment

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Kuldeep Sharma <kuldeep.sharma@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: odor in the air - terrible stench and unpredictable - impacts Tracy City Brand.

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Dear Mayor Young, Kuldeep, Tracy City Council members,

Over the past 7 years, I have sent email several times to various mayor(s) of the City of Tracy and Kuldeep, re: the terrible odor that we experience in Tracy air.

Most recently -

- Yesterday, Nov 14, the odor was mild at 7am and lasted until 8am.
- On Sep 7, 2023, approx at 1:30am, the weather was much cooler, we turned our A/C off and opened our windows. The breeze was nice, not too strong a wind. And, there was that awful odor again! We could not keep our windows open!

To me, it smells like sulphur.

There is a high probability that this is from the City's Wastewater treatment plant.

We live near McCarthur Drive and wind direction brings it all the way to our home.

I have also talked to a few merchants and our neighbors. They have mentioned the same. At times, I can smell it near World Gym (on East Street), Planet Fitness, Costco parking lot and the ACE train station. This odor is not experienced in Mountain House, to my knowledge.

The unpredictability of when the stench can manifest is disturbing. It does not happen everyday. It can happen anytime!

Here's what happens -

We invite 30+ guests from out of town, on a scheduled date, for a nice evening on our deck with outdoor cooking on a griddle.

Our family then starts praying daily, that our guests will not be affected by the odor during our event.

As hosts, when the odor manifests, our guests run inside! We are embarrassed.

That's the end of our planned evening on the deck!

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Odor from Wastewater Treatment plants is a solved problem worldwide and in all well managed cities.

I am asking myself the following questions -

- does our city really care?
- is it possible that members of our city team do not personally experience this problem, and hence ignoring repeated citizen feedback (such as mine, for the past 7 years).

- does our city team have skills and technical expertise to create a process for consistent, predictable, air quality?

While the city has grand plans for growth such as a water park, a fancy downtown, etc., our wonderful city cannot even provide predictable air quality by managing what's in their control.

Bad odor reflects very badly on the BRAND of the city!

My concern is about a basic citizen's need, i.e. good air quality.

I am happy to be your partner and understand your constraints further and brainstorm solutions.

At a minimum, kindly acknowledge this email.

Thank you for keeping the City of Tracy vibrant and forward looking and for caring.

With respects,
Ram



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-----Original Message-----

From: DENECE VINCENT <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 2:07 PM
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Subject: Aquatic Center.

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Apart from the brobdignalian price tag to build the thing, has any thought been given to the enormous ongoing cost to maintain and staff the proposed water park?

I ask because the City cannot seem to afford a couple of adult staff to keep our existing Joe Wilson pool open once the cheap labor goes back to school in early August. If it turns into the taxpayers funding this thing in order to keep the user fees in a reasonable range, how will you ever pass the new property tax assessment?

Curious

Denece Vincent

Sent from my iPad