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TO: The City of Scandia  
FROM: Deidre Pope, Resident (16277 Quality Tr. N)

I am writing to express my 0% support for allowing the Zavoral Mine project to proceed. I have listened to people speak at meetings, have read information as it has been made available online, and continue to have exactly the same concerns I had when I first wrote a letter expressing those in February 2009.

Those issues include air quality, noise pollution, danger to drivers (especially at the intersection of 95 and 97), congestion, negative impact on Scandia businesses, impact on wildlife and water, and quality of life for Scandia residents.

While I believe that private citizens should be able to do what they like with their land, it has become even more clear that the result of the mining activities do not *stay* on that land. If it were possible to contain the impacts of mining to the land-owner's property, then there would be no reason for any of us to object. However, all of the above mentioned impacts affect the community at large in negative ways. There is no way to keep the air, noise, trucks, etc. within the borders of that one property. Honoring "land-owner rights" for one person at the expense of the rest of the land-owners in the community is unacceptable.

I moved to Scandia eight years ago in order to be part of a small community, to enjoy clean air and water, to grow more of my own food, and to enjoy the peace and beauty of this place. Allowing the mining plans to proceed jeopardizes all of the reasons I love living in Scandia and, in my opinion, jeopardizes Scandia itself.

Thank you for recording my opinion as part of the record of public comment.