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Subject: IESI

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I have received several communications over the past few weeks regarding the landfill just south of Bergstrom airport, and the effort to postpone action on a long-term contract, which I understand is scheduled for consideration at the 5/19 Council meeting.

Of course, I do not have all the facts, but I do think that several of the issues that have been raised may merit more investigation and a thorough public process.

First, there is apparently strong dissent from the SWAC. I know many of these members personally, and know them to be knowledgeable, fair-minded, and imbued with a strong sense of responsibility regarding issues within their purview.

Second, some environmental concerns have been raised, particularly effects on nearby creeks.

Third, there seems to be at least the possibility that a landfill located in the takeoff / approach paths of the north-south runways at AIBA could present a significant aviation hazard. It seems to me that it could prove very difficult to adequately enforce measures which exclude certain types of trash that would attract birds. I have heard from some pilots on this subject, and as a career military and commercial pilot myself, I am fully aware of these hazards and their potential consequences. To say the least, my concerns are not fully allayed by the FAA approval process.

Based on these concerns, I am writing to add my voice to those asking to you to delay consideration of this matter until these and other concerns have been fully addressed.

Thank You,
Lee Leffingwell