

HUNTINGTON CITY



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Council Members: Judd Beagley, Tom Kay, Lesa Miller, Devin Wilson, Gloria Wilson
Mayor: Leonard Norton

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Emery County Commissioners

PO Box 629
Castle Dale, Utah 84513

Doral Renewables

35 E Wacker Drive, Suite 1500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Governor Spencer J. Cox

350 N State Street, Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Additional Solar Development East of Huntington City

Dear Emery County Commissioners, Representatives of Doral Renewables, and Governor Cox,

I am writing on behalf of Huntington City to formally express our opposition to the proposed installation of an additional solar energy facility on the east side of our community.

While Huntington City recognizes and supports the importance of renewable energy development in Utah, we have significant concerns regarding the cumulative impact of multiple large-scale solar projects surrounding our community. The continued concentration of utility-scale solar infrastructure on the east side of Huntington City is creating long-term constraints on land availability and limiting opportunities for balanced residential, commercial, and industrial growth.

We respectfully acknowledge that private property owners have the right to utilize their land within applicable laws and regulations. However, we also believe that such decisions must be made with full consideration of their broader impacts on surrounding communities, infrastructure planning, and future growth potential. The placement of additional large-scale energy facilities in close proximity to an incorporated municipality has lasting implications that extend beyond individual property rights.

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Huntington City is particularly concerned that continued development of this nature will effectively encircle the community with industrial energy infrastructure, restricting our ability to plan responsibly for future expansion. This pattern raises serious concerns about long-term land use compatibility and the preservation of development opportunities for our residents.

We also encourage careful consideration of the environmental impacts associated with utility-scale solar development, including land disturbance, habitat disruption, stormwater management, dust mitigation, and long-term decommissioning responsibilities. While solar energy is an important component of Utah's energy future, these factors must be weighed carefully in siting decisions.

We respectfully request that Emery County, state leadership, and project developers work collaboratively with Huntington City to identify alternative locations that better balance renewable energy development with the long-term needs of local communities.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the State of Utah and its communities.

Sincerely,

Leonard Norton
Mayor, Huntington City