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To: Lore Saldana; steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; apatino@cityofsantamaria.org
Cc: apcd
Subject: Public Comment / Request for Action: Toxic DPM emissions and pedestrian fatality risks at Stowell Amazon site (Santa Maria)

Clerk: Please forward this public comment directly to Santa Maria representatives Randy Westhaus and Dillon Kass ahead of the next Community Advisory Council discussion.

Dear SBAPCD Board and Staff,

I am a local air quality consultant and an Allan Hancock College student-athlete living in Santa Maria. I run and bike on Santa Maria surface streets every day.

I am deeply concerned about the recent approval of the 244,418 sqft. Amazon warehouse at 1680 West Stowell Road. This facility was approved under an Environmental Impact Report that notes **significant and unavoidable traffic impacts**, bringing 345 delivery vans and 34 heavy semi-trucks daily into **residential zones and school paths**.

I respectfully urge the APCD to investigate this facility and enforce strict regional rules on Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM), which is a known carcinogen linked to asthma, lung damage, and heart issues. Furthermore, forcing these large semis onto surface roads directly adjacent to schools and homes will cause a higher accident rate and increase pedestrian fatalities.

Please push for a Warehouse Indirect Source Rule to force companies like Amazon to use zero-emission local fleets and build Class I and Class IV bike lanes, protecting the air quality, our health, and the lives of Santa Maria families.

Sincerely,

Eva Luu,
Resident of Santa Maria, District 4