



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	12/13/2023	Agenda Item	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	City Manager
Reviewed by City Attorney	Yes	Department	Administration
Subject	Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution in opposition to a proposed disease bioengineering primate laboratory within Brazoria County.		
Attachments	City Letter of Opposition, Cody Vasut's Letter of Opposition, Resolution		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:		
	Amount Budgeted:		
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

Attached is a letter prepared for Commissioners Court submitted on behalf of the City of Sweeny and an attached letter prepared and sent to the CEO of the Charles River Labs by Representative Vasut concerning Sweeny and other stakeholders' opposition to the primate biological testing facility proposed just 10 miles upstream.

County Attorney, Mary Shine opined at the Commissioners Court that there may be very little that can be done to fight this. She indicated that if the project meets Drainage District and other permitting entities' requirements, it will likely materialize.

This project has been clandestine without notification given to elected officials (cities or counties), to cities, or Sweeny Community Hospital or Sweeny ISD. No hazard mitigation plans, environmental plan, flood plan, biological contaminant containment plan, or waste management plan have been shared by CRL.

While there may not be much we can do to stop this project, local officials including Commissioner Linder of Brazoria County Commissioners Court – Precinct 4, State Representative Vasut, and City of Brazoria oppose this project.

Resolution has been drafted to show the City's opposition.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution in opposition of the proposed Charles River Houston Two Laboratory Project, a primate biological testing facility.

Recommended motion:

I move we approve the proposed resolution in opposition of the proposed Charles River Laboratory Project, a primate biological testing facility.