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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to oppose the application of Spectra America Corporation to develop the Naples land. The Naples Coalition has determined the following to be significant reasons for rejecting this proposal:

· The future of Naples is exceptionally important to the public, given its unmatched scenic, ecological, cultural and recreational value.
· The public has not had an opportunity to review evidence of the developer's financial condition, history and reputation, which are necessary to determine whether the developer can fulfill the obligations of the Development Agreement including restoring the riparian corridor of Dos Pueblos Creek.
· Information available publicly shows that Spectra America has been involved in numerous bankruptcies that apparently had the effect of them avoiding obligations associated with other land use development projects.
· Without detailed information regarding the capacity, integrity and history of any prospective purchasers in managing comparable projects and obligations, the Board cannot conclude that the developer is able to perform the obligations of the Inland Development Agreement and project approvals.
· **Please follow option 3 of Staff's recommendation and determine that the County does not consent to the proposed Transfer Agreement because Spectra America has not provided any evidence of its reputation and financial resources to be able to perform the obligations proposed to be assumed.**

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