

Your letters: Oct. 20

## Rail versus sewage plant

The Oct. 6 article "Cary to track rail's impact" states that Cary Town Council members have expressed frustration that a process did not include more input from the town.

Sounds like the kettle calling the pot black. What about the New Hill community not having more input - better yet, any input - before Cary confiscated property outside their city limits for a sewage plant that will benefit Cary and not the New Hill

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community?

Then Cary council members say that if the N.C. Department of Transportation closes some of the town's crossings, it could affect the "character of Cary, especially downtown." What do you think placing a sewage plant in the center of the New Hill community - adjacent to a historic district, two churches with its cemeteries and playgrounds - will do to the character of New Hill?

Cary, along with the other Western Wake Partners, most notably Apex, has consistently rejected New Hill's outcries about negative impacts. How are negative impacts any more important to citizens in Cary, Apex, and Morrisville than for New Hill?

New Hill has already been impacted by numerous eminent domain events over the years by Progress Energy's Shearon Harris nuclear plant, high voltage distribution lines, Jordan Lake, Dixie Gas Pipeline, new U.S. 1, and Apex water lines.

When will Cary and Apex realize that their communities are not more important than the New Hill community?

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**Subsidizing a 'socialist agenda'**

In the article "Bright days for solar energy," the author has noted a very important fact that goes directly to the argument that Councilman Bill Jensen of Apex is making.

Thirty percent of the OFM solar panel project in Holly Springs was paid for by the federal government, and 35 percent will be reimbursed by the state of North Carolina in the form of tax credits.

I would hope that all readers would understand that this means we, all the taxpayers in North Carolina, have funded a solar panel project for a private business.

On top of this, the accelerated depreciation will lower the company's tax obligation by \$170 million over two years?

You have got to be kidding.

The federal government is broke.

The state of North Carolina is broke.

Most municipalities are running a deficit.

And we give a private business a tax break to go green?

Mr. Jensen, is this the way government suggestions work?

They bribe a business with incentives to illicit a different behavior - but everyone else pays?

Thanks, Mr. Jensen, but no thanks.

Keep your socialist agenda.

And one more thing, Mr. Jensen: You state that you run your business as a "break-even enterprise only."

Is this by choice or can't you sell enough solar panels to make a profit?

If you truly operate as a "break-even enterprise" by choice, you are the only business I know of that would ever operate that way.

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