An Open Letter to Anthropic

October 20, 2026

On August 14, 2026, Anthropic publicly committed to Governor Abbott's data center standards, including that data centers "not disrupt residential neighborhoods to preserve Texas' quality of life." The Governor has also said companies must earn buy-in from the communities where they build.

We are residents of Bastrop County. County records and press reports identify Anthropic as the planned tenant of a data center in Cedar Creek, to be powered by a 48-turbine gas plant on Earl Callahan Road.

More than 850 homes sit within a mile of that site. About 25 schools and daycares sit within four miles.

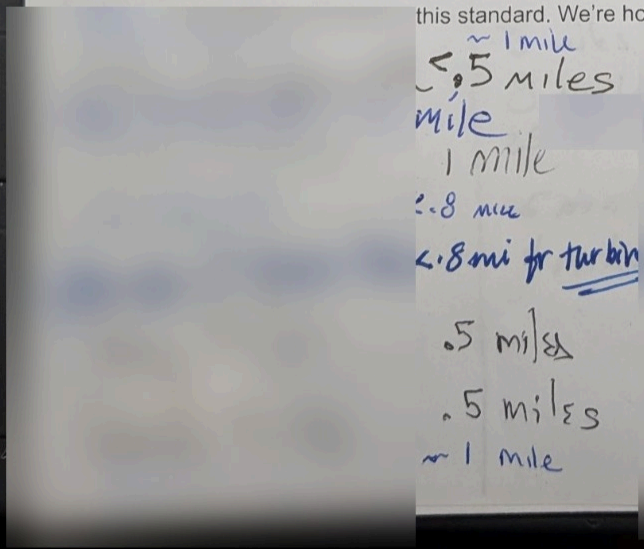
There has been no buy-in. This project has moved forward for a long time without any formal public process.

The plant's air permit was filed on a track that provides no public notice, no comment period, and no hearing. More than 200 residents have asked TCEQ for a public meeting. So have our elected officials: the Bastrop County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to request one, Rep. Stan Gerdes formally asked for one, and Sen. Charles Schwertner pressed TCEQ on how residents can be heard. None has been granted.

We ask Anthropic to honor its pledge:

1. **Publicly support a formal public hearing** on the Pacifico gas plant permit before any decision is made.
2. **Meet with Cedar Creek residents,** in public, including the farmers, business owners, schools, and organizations closest to the site.
3. **Do not proceed with this site** until this community understands the full impact of the project and has had real input on its future.

this standard. We're holding you to it.



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