

The Maricopa County Courthouse was packed to capacity as BNSF tried to convince Supervisors to postpone the rezoning of its 839 southern acres from Rural to Industrial. But the community showed up in overwhelming force. While only **four** people spoke in favor of the rezoning, **forty residents** stood up to oppose it — a ten-to-one rejection of the proposal.

Lisa Everitt delivered an impressive **5600 petition signatures** from residents who refuse to let an intermodal facility disrupt their community. Their message was clear: *this location is wrong, and the consequences would be devastating.*

Supervisor Debbie Lesko pressed county officials for clarity, questioning Planning and Zoning Director Tom Elsworth and McDOT Transportation Director Jesse Gutiérrez. What they confirmed was alarming:

- **Highway 303 is already rated “F” — a failing grade due to severe congestion.**
- BNSF’s own estimates project **16,136 workers, 6,666 daily truck trips, and 26,000 construction workers.**
- That’s **49,000 additional trips in and out every single day** — on a highway that is already failing.

Faced with the facts and the community’s overwhelming opposition, **all five Maricopa County Supervisors voted to keep the zoning Rural.** Not only that — they made it clear that **BNSF chose a poorly planned, unsuitable location** for such a massive industrial project.

This victory belongs to **PORA and every resident** who continues to stand up, speak out, and sign petitions. But the fight is not over. The push to relocate this facility continues, and **your voice still matters.**

Please stay engaged, stay informed, and **keep signing the petitions.** Together, we can protect our community and ensure that major industrial projects are placed where they belong — *not in the middle of a rural residential area.*