

# RAIL rails against solid waste plan

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Opponents of the proposed waste-to-energy incinerator in Auburn Hills have targeted three commissioners for a phone call campaign.

Residents calling their organization RAIL (Residents Against Incineration and Landfills) rallied against the county's proposed \$470 million solid waste plan Thursday during a meeting of the 641 committee reviewing it for final approval.

Leaflets distributed at the meeting said, "\$170,195,000 plus interest for an incinerator in Auburn Hills. Conceived and brought to term by

the Oakland County Commission. "Direct to you without conscience or responsibility; your elected county politicians give you DEBT and AIR POLLUTION."

The leaflets urge voters to "Contact your commissioner who voted for the incinerator."

THEY NAME Donald E. Bishop and Roy Rewold, both of Rochester, and Marilyn E. Gosling of Bloomfield Hills.

At least one speaker at Thursday's meeting, however, did advocate political reaction if the incinerator is included in the final solid waste plan.

"Voters in Rochester have been napping," said Michael Duncanson, who identified himself as a Rochester resident and a public school teacher. "But I think they are finally waking up to what their politicians are doing to them."

He predicted a groundswell of political opposition when the solid waste plan goes to the board of commissioners for approval.

In private discussions, Duncanson advocated a five-year moratorium on the incinerator while far-reaching changes were made to promote recycling.

If studies indicate the incinerator

is needed despite greater recycling, he would accept the incinerator, Duncanson said.

"I don't necessarily want to close the door on the incinerator. But we must try other things first. I think the people who give us the incinerator, however, face a stormy future."

WHILE THE RAIL leaflets didn't urge voters to vote against Bishop, Gosling and Rewold, the Orion Township-based group urged residents to contact them and make their views known.

When contacted Friday, the three commissioners said they had not noticed any change in the number or

nature of phone calls or contact with constituents.

But each said he would welcome voter comments — providing it is genuine and constructive.

"I've always had a lot of phone calls on the incinerator," said Rewold, chairman of the board of commissioners and a vocal supporter of the solid waste plan. "Fortunately, most have been civil, with each of us making our respective positions known."

Gosling said she had not voted for the incinerator but does support the 641 plan, which includes the Auburn Hills incinerator.

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