

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED THROUGH MAY! MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

BENAVIDES ADMITS HIS LIES ABOUT COAL ASH, THEN LIES EVEN MORE!

On Monday, May 7, C.Y. Benavides, the Laredo businessman promoting the quixotic Pescadito toxic waste dump, appeared on Jay St. John's Facebook Live call-in show.

Taking questions from St. John and his cohort, as well as from concerned members of the community, C.Y. bobbed and weaved, evading the truth in most cases—and in rare moments revealing his true thinking about the Pescadito boondoggle.

We fact-checked C.Y.'s statements to callers during this two-hour show and the results are revealing...



TOPIC: ACCEPTING COAL ASH

C.Y.'s Claim: *Almost no coal ash is deposited into landfills.*

True or False: **FALSE!** As anyone who has actually run a landfill knows, **virtually all coal ash is disposed of in landfills.** All "coal ash" from lignite is landfilled, while some of the fly ash from bituminous coal is used as an additive to concrete. That's the danger of entrusting C.Y. to run a landfill—he **knows nothing about the business!**



C.Y.'s Claim: *Pescadito would be willing to accept coal ash.*

True or False: **TRUE!** After bobbing and weaving on the St. John program, and years of evading this simple question, **Benavides finally admitted he'll accept toxic coal ash.**



C.Y.'s Claim: *Pescadito would have certain levels of toxic waste.*

True or False: **TRUE!** Benavides, **himself, admits that the Pescadito waste dump would accept toxic waste!**



TOPIC: SAME TRASH AS CITY

C.Y.'s Claim: *Pescadito would accept the same types of trash as the City of Laredo and Ponderosa landfills.*

True or False: **FALSE!** The City of Laredo's landfill permit **prohibits it from accepting Class 1 waste.** C.Y. Benavides is seeking a permit to accept Class 1 waste at the Pescadito toxic waste dump. He was simply lying when he told us his toxic waste dump would only accept the same type of trash as the City.



C.Y.'s Claim: *My family wants to build the biggest landfill in the State of Texas.*

True or False: **TRUE!** C.Y. Benavides is proud of the fact that he wants to bring the State's biggest landfill to Laredo!



C.Y.'s Claim: *My only experience in the landfill business has been the last 10 years trying to get Pescadito permitted.*

True or False: **TRUE!** He brags about wanting to operate the State's biggest dump, but admits neither he nor his family has ever operated a landfill.



TOPIC: THE FLOOD PLAIN

C.Y.'s Claim: *The original design of the Pescadito was in the floodplain, but it has since been modified to be out of the floodplain.*

True or False: **FALSE!** The permit boundary for the Pescadito toxic waste dump still includes hundreds of acres of floodplain. Webb County also is in the process of revising its floodplain maps—as many counties are doing in the wake of Hurricane Harvey—so Benavides has no idea and does not care whether his toxic waste dump is in a floodplain.



C.Y.'s Claim: *Pescadito is disconnected from the Rio Grande unlike the City of Laredo and Ponderosa landfills.*

True or False: **FALSE!** The flood plain in which the Pescadito landfill site is proposed drains to the Rio Grande!



C.Y.'s Claim: *The Pescadito site is the best landfill location in the history of Texas.*

True or False: **FALSE!** The 964-acre Pescadito site is in a floodplain! That's why the City of Laredo and Webb County, along with Webb County Floodplain Administrator Rhonda Tiffin oppose C.Y.'s toxic waste dump. The site is also criss-crossed by pipelines. **C.Y. might have found the WORST landfill site in the history of Texas!**



TOPIC: TRASHING LAREDO AND LAREDOANS

C.Y.'s Claim: *Only Anglo-Saxons live near the Pescadito site. I'm the only (racial slur) in the neighborhood.*

True or False: **FALSE!** As C.Y. knows well, his cousins Arturo Benavides and Anna Benavides Galo occupy the ranch immediately next to the Pescadito site, and hundreds more live nearby at Las Lomas!



C.Y.'s Claim: *I don't attack these guys [the landfill's opponents], I don't burn bridges.*

True or False: **FALSE!** C.Y.'s personal lobbyist personally attacked Laredo's senior statesman and State Senator of more than 30 years, Senator Judith Zaffirini, during the TCEQ's public meeting. He not only attacked the Senator's family, but questioned her integrity when the reality is that she is supporting her constituents (over 20,000 of which have signed our petition against the dump), the City of Laredo, and Webb County—who oppose C.Y.'s latest business boondoggle.

C.Y.'s Claim: *The TCEQ's public meeting had a lot of "plants" who did not want to be there.*

True or False: **FALSE!** Hundreds of concerned Laredoans turned out at the TCEQ's public meeting to express their concerns with C.Y. Benavides' plans to build a toxic waste dump in a floodplain. It's shameful that Benavides would denigrate the concerned citizens of Laredo who oppose his toxic waste dump.

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