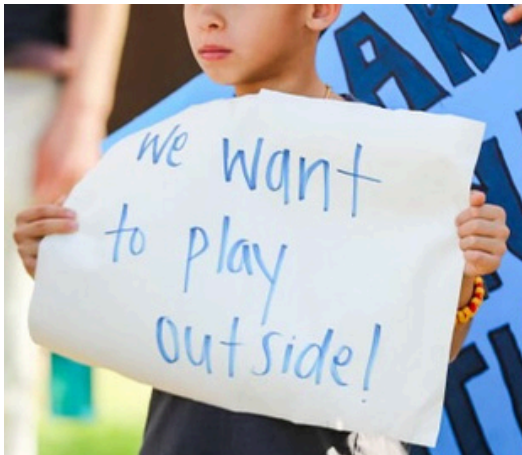


# CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

## PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS



### CHIQUITA CANYON LIFESTYLE SURVEY



Findings show that **100%** of surveyed residences **avoid using their yards and or neighborhood outdoor areas** due to landfill emissions. Many express a **burning sensation when breathing, irritation to the eyes/ watery eyes, feelings of fatigue, chest tightness, and overall difficulty breathing** within their homes and exacerbated when outside. Results show **100%** of surveyed residences in zones 1-4 state having a **very high concern** for **outdoor emissions/odors, landfill emissions, drinking water quality, and air pollution/ air quality**. This is in conjunction with **85%** of surveyed residences having **hypertension/ high blood pressure**, **29.5%** having **cancer**, **46.25%** having **Heart disease**, and **23%** reporting having **miscarriages**.

### QUALITY OF LIFE

In the Past Month... Zone 1-4		Zone 1-4 Daily Symptoms in Past Month	
wheezing or whistling in the chest	80%	Irritation of the eyes/ watery eyes	33%
used any medication for Asthma or wheezing	93%	Fatigue	91%
woke up in the middle of the night or early morning due to landfill emissions	95%	Chest tightness	57%
significant issue with keeping up enough enthusiasm to get things done	79%	Difficulty sleeping	93%
		Difficulty breathing	70%
		Zone 1- 4 Chronic Health Report Percentages	
		Cancer	29.5%
		Hypertension/High blood pressure	85%
		Heart Disease	46.3%
		Miscarriages	23%

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### THE EMISSIONS

Smell of Chiquita Canyon	
Zone 1	"burning sewer" and "sweet chemicals, putrid"
Zone 2	"rotten eggs"
Zone 3	"burning trash" and "burning chemicals"
Zone 4	"sour milk, sulphur smell, and sweet chemicals"

When residents were interviewed, they were asked various questions regarding their day-to-day lives. These questions included asking residents about how often they and their families go outside, if they avoid certain activities due to possible odors, if they experience odors, what those odors smell like, and how often they experience these odors. Residents also experience, on average, 23 days a month of unexplained emissions from the landfill.

### WHAT IS THE SOLUTION ?

When residences were presented with the question, *"The Chiquita Canyon Landfill is expected to burn for many years, what do members of your household think would be the best solution?"* **77%** of surveyed residents stated they believe that ***"being permanently relocated and have my home bought out"*** would be the best solution. However, all who expressed the want for relocation also expressed concern for other families' health and wellbeing who might move in after they leave.



### QUOTES FROM RESIDENCE

***"My husband, 69, is still working because we feel this situation will financially ruin us."***

***"We are living in a prison because we cannot leave our home."***

***"I moved my child from a local school due to the contamination from the landfill."***

***"We can't have our grandchildren over- they break out in terrible rashes and get nosebleeds."***

***"My daughter had to move out because the landfill is making her so sick - now that she has moved away she feels so much better."***

