

Dear Councilman Lacombe/Irvin/Vessel,

I am writing to respectfully ask you to re-consider your vote Monday evening regarding Emerson's desire to locate its regional headquarters at the new Edenborne TND.

Emerson is a Fortune 500 company, which is offering the City of Gonzales a tremendous opportunity. By locating its state-of-the-art facility in Gonzales, Emerson will not only bring high paying jobs, it will bring long standing economic stability to our city and our parish.

In addition to the economic benefit we will realize, Emerson is partnering with River Parish Community College to provide a private/public education experience many community colleges would envy.

Gonzales should be welcoming Emerson with open arms. Indeed, many cities like Gonzales would crave the opportunity to bring what Emerson wants to bring to our city.

The critics to Emerson have created concerns which are fictional at best, and which Emerson has gone to lengths to assuage. The plan Emerson proposes will not create increased traffic in the residential areas of Edenborne, nor in the adjacent Loosemore area. The plan that has been proposed will route what little truck traffic there is directly onto Highway 44 and Interstate 10.

In short, Emerson brings many positives to our community and no negatives. It is good for Gonzales now and good for Gonzales in the future.

Please re-consider your vote. Please advise Mayor Arceneaux that you are committed to Gonzales' future and to bringing Emerson to Gonzales. If you take such bold leadership action by Friday, the council can re-consider this issue at the meeting on Monday March 25, 2013.

Sincerely