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From: J. Francisco Zermeño C.

Re: Russell City Center Calpine Energy Power Plant

Date: September 13, 2009

Dear Mr. Lee:

As a City, we in Hayward have taken some steps into being a sustainable, green, clean, earth-conscious and -friendly community. We passed our Hayward Climate Action Plan in June to provide "guidance and policies necessary to implement programs that will reduce greenhouse gases to minimize the effect of global climate change." Too, we passed a Green Building Ordinance, have recognized Optisolar and other ecofriendly businesses, have seen solar panels go up at Chabot College and other locations, have instituted a Recycling Service for Multi-Family Dwellings program, and even turned down the proposed EastShore Power Plant.

In the horizon, I see us as a plastic bag, plastic bottled water, and a Styrofoam free zone. Even a further on, a public transit, bicycle and pedestrian oriented community.

In other words, we seem to have joined the USA's Clean Air Act's fight to battle the warming of our planet.

We have also always been concerned with keeping our hills and marshlands as pristine as possible, free from development, which is why in July, we voted against five additional radio towers in our marshlands. You might want to visit www.savesfbay.org, to find out how we still can do more.

Most importantly, that same Climate Action Plan also was passed to 'promote the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the residents of Hayward'.

That said, I personally am not convinced that the planned Russell City Center Calpine Energy Power Plant in our marshlands is a continuation of our city's green, clean air, and healthy-resident direction. Too, what will become of it, once we run out of natural gas?

As a Hayward resident who works, lives, employs, and plays but a mere mile east of its planned marshland location, my family, my neighbors, my Chabot College students, my employees, my customers, and I, will all be downwind from all the byproducts of its operation. Well, I am neither impressed by, nor appreciative of the idea.

This is a quality of life issue, not one of money, books, or jobs. That must be made clear. Each one of our residents, as does Mother Earth, deserve to enjoy life in as clean and green an environment as possible, with renewable energy plants.

Remembering my elected Hayward Citycouncilmanship, I offer this disclaimer: Mine is one non-official, non-city-controlling position, and non-city council representative vote on the Power Plant. I am expressing my personal opinion about the Calpine plant. It is not the official position of the City, which is reflected in the cooperation agreement with Calpine.

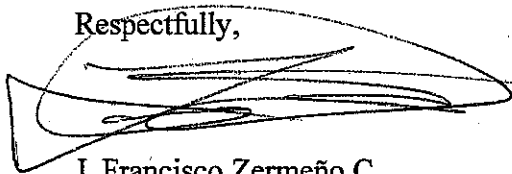
I hope we can all unite on this issue, as has H.A.R.D., the Greenbelt Alliance, The East Bay Green Corridor Partnership, the Alameda County Public Health Department, and many others, as I actively invite you, and the other decision makers of this plant, to not allow it to be built in Hayward's Natural Flora and Fauna Front Yard. Hayward on!

I thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

Please contact me if you have any questions whatsoever.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



J. Francisco Zermefio C.
Hayward Resident, Professor, Businessowner, Head of Family, and City Councilman

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