

Russell City Center.txt

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Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for soliciting input regarding this extremely important project.

While many of the formalities of the project may have been addressed by CalPine and their attorneys. The central questions have been ignored. These are several.

First the health impacts on the surrounding community. You are well-aware of the demographics of the region, especially the zones that would receive the greatest deposits from the emissions from the plant. Many residents are on fixed incomes and a significant number of those who were working are now laid off and without health care. In addition, there is a middle school and a community college, with a large childcare center located in the zone of maximum impact. For these and others who would be exposed to lesser amounts of the toxins, this plant is nothing less than an assault on their well-being. And the choice of a low-income area populated by a primarily minority population cannot be seen as a mere coincidence.

The second question revolves more around the challenges facing your commission - if this review will continue to be a "letter of the law" business-as-usual proceeding. Or whether you and the other members will take your charge seriously and take into consideration the situation we confront at this time as regards global warming and what has become known as our carbon footprint. The facts concerning the pollution from the plant are well established. California and the Bay Area entities have declared the goal to convert to sustainable energy production, it is inconceivable that a new plant of this type, no matter how efficient compared it is claimed to be, would be even considered at this point. We cannot allow this project to move forward. It would only add to the demise of life on the planet, as we know it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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