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From: Mark Edward Torres [mailto:metorres@ucsc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Weyman Lee
Subject: RE: Hayward Russell City Energy Center

To Weyman Lee:

My name is Mark Torres, and I am a fourth-year Environmental Studies student at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

I have lived in Hayward my entire life, and am deeply committed to our community and natural environment.

My concern is that the Russell City Energy Center proposed at Depot Road in Hayward will have a deleterious effect on human health, socio-economics, air and water quality, and habitat along the Hayward Shoreline.

Increased particulate matter pollution, persistent and volatile organic chemicals will have a negative impact on human health and the environment that far outweighs any potential benefit of a natural gas power plant in Hayward.

Please consider the health of the hundreds of thousands that call the greater Hayward area home, as well as the flora and fauna that depend on clean air and water and undisturbed habitat to continue to enrich the environment and, indeed, our own lives.

I urge you to reconsider the development of the Russell City Energy Center in Hayward.

Thank you,

Mark Torres