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From: Walter Jew [mailto:walt@wjdesign.com]  
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 10:31 PM  
To: Weyman Lee  
Subject: a vote against the Calpine Russell City power plant

Dear Mr Lee,

It has only recently come to my attention of the horrible decision that might be made to build a huge power plant in Hayward. I only heard about it because my wife and I were looking into buying a home and starting a family in Hayward. I grew up in San Leandro and presently reside in San Lorenzo and I love this area. I find it astonishing that any high polluting business would be allowed in Hayward, much less a giant power plant right next to our beautiful marshlands filled with a lovely bay trail and endangered species.

My opinion of Hayward has gone up recently because of all the new development I see. We've eaten at Sampan Kitchen, Bijou, and enjoyed movies at the new AMC. We're regulars at Target and Buffalo Bills. I'm thinking - wow! Hayward has come a long way since the Festival and UA closed down and things are looking up. Surely all these great things will attract more folks like me, who want to move to Hayward and thereby add to its tax base.

I think a large power plant - even if it somehow didn't pollute at all - would detract from Hayward and our area in general. I for one, will choose to move elsewhere and rent out our current home in San Lorenzo. No one wants to live near a power plant. Accidents and corruption and the ensuing cover ups seem to follow energy producers wherever they go. It's no surprise that only labor unions were really aware of what was planned.

I don't know if one letter or one person can make a difference, but if you've read this far, perhaps you will know that there is at least one more person out there who has a choice of where to live, and I would readily choose somewhere as far away as possible from any power plant.

Please do the right thing for Hayward and its surrounding towns by not allowing the Calpine Russell City power plant to be built.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Walter Jew