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Dear Mr. Weyman Lee,

I am writing to urge you to vote against the proposed Air Quality Permit for the Russell City Energy Center. This energy plant will cause harm to our air, our shoreline, our city's appearance, our city's reputation, and our overall quality of life. The question in obtaining this Air Quality Permit is, "How much harm to our environment and to ourselves are we willing to accept?" The answer of integrity is, "No more added and unnecessary harm."

At a previous public hearing held at City Hall, the research was done to show the extent of the harm this particular energy plant would contribute to our environment. One of the points of that research was that the pollution that goes into the air goes to the Central Valley, combining with more dangerous matter, and returns out to the Bay for us to breathe. Another point that was made is how the matter that will be emitted by this energy plant is so intrusive into the human body system that it is found in the breast milk of Eskimo women, who are far from direct contact with these air pollutants. The concern that the increase of these pollutants will affect those who have asthma and increase the number of person who develop asthma, will not only have a negative effect on the health of Hayward residents, but will also hurt many families and individuals economically. Yet another point that was made is that there is extensive documentation that there is no energy crisis. This energy plant, that is expected to produce less pollution than existing plants, will not replace old plants in the area and will instead add to the pollution emitted over our Bay and into our world.

There is no reason that Hayward or the Bay Area needs to allow the Russell City Energy Center to exist. In a time of financial crisis, it is easy to see a greater need for the money that this plant will contribute to our Bay Area. However, environmental and human health concerns are a priority, and will have long-term effects that will outlast the temporary economic crisis. Please use your given power to protect the ecosystems that we exist in, rather than harm it. Please do not allow the Russell City Energy Center to obtain an Air Quality Permit.

Thank you,

Justin and Andrea Furtado

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