

Power plant in hwd.txt

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Can you hear Me?

Listenin' to the blues, empty' feelin' and cold rings hallow. True, makes it hard today to swallow and start the day anew. Tried steppin' away for a few, away from the pink slip I got today. It didn't matter that I was never late. I guess big business is that way. Or, that my girl's birthday falls in May. Now, I'm headin' back home to Eden. The bills and rent are way past due. I keep listenin' and singin' to those good old blues as I tapped the floorboard on the 62 with my worn out shoes.

Then there's a news alert on the am radio! So, I pause for the cause just for a moment..."Two polluting power plants in Hayward, California..." is spoken. It's a shame for democracy because our community is like pawn or two-bit token. The energy Goliath says "Your system is broken". The guilty will remain anonymous. We will use the name err...Dirt...err, I mean Global Energy of Canada, or Colorado, or is it Texas? Behind closed doors they say "Hayward is the "strategic-energy location nexus". I say, Goliath is flexing its political capital and energy muscle on top of us. Or, is it in spite of us?

Just then, I pass the majestic, serene Hayward shoreline by the golden bay. Fall asleep at the wheel and thinking it might by your bay. It took a generation's blood, sweat, tears and years to clean the pollution of the Second Great Industrial Revolution of the mid 1900's. In Hayward today, far away policy and the sovereignty of the same nameless, more shameless, shift-changing conglomerate is made. On its website, no c.e.o is listed, don't believe me check it. No way I could've missed it. Only a Denver address advanced, surrounded, and insulated by a pro-pollution California Energy Commission, and a nothing-much ado city council, who was easily swayed by which way the wind blew. It was they who rubber-stamped subtle changes to the land regulation use, and now are crying "boo-hoo". Along with "blacked out" environmental reports, censored health studies, behind closed door hearings, Dirt bag, err I mean Global Energy has hijacked our citizenry with threats of a judicial override! My, my, so our kids, and us are forced to breathe carcinogens and carbon monoxide.

So, I keep listenin' to the good old blues, guitar pickin', side-steppin'. All wishing on a star in anticipation of the presidential elections and our new breath to choose. To see what separates the presidential contenders from the pretenders and ask who, anew, will have the leadership skills, power, tempered with just responsibility to lead and have adherence to the people, for the people, and by the people. What we really want is accountability to the principles of government in our democratic process. We want a government and an open process that shines a light on the voiceless and does not give into the whims and threats of big conglomerates. We want a promise of a democracy whose fire has flickered since the ancient times in the Acropolis and Pantheon. In return, we promise to protect the light of democracy from the threat of being extinguished. That, the famous words of Patrick Henry, "Give me Liberty or give me death" in 1775 is not just another catchy phrase. So presidential candidates, where do you stand on an Environmental Plan? Will you hitch your wagon to the Dirt, err I mean Global Energy plan? Or will you be for the people, by the people of Hayward, Ca., the rest of the land, and draw a line in the sand?

On my way, away from the beautiful golden bay, I look up only to shiver, and quiver at the thought. I see the glistening clouds glide by. Below that, I see formations of Canadian geese and Mallard ducks flying over a soon to be reality of polluting-emitting smoke stacks and dump trucks. And, I'm still singin' and hearin' the Russell City blues.

I thank you for your time in reading my correspondence. Ask yourself the question. The residents of Hayward, Ca. will only be getting 20% energy. The rest will go to the south bay. Why are the power plants not being built in Foster City?
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