

power plant in Hayward.txt

From: Shoshanna Tenn  
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 1:39 PM  
To: Weyman Lee  
Subject: power plant in Hayward

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am an instructor at Chabot College, and both of my children were enrolled at the Chabot College Children's Center from infancy through pre-school. Today, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Russell City Power Plant.

At Chabot, we have recently installed solar panels in our parking lots, and, with the support of Alameda County Voters through Measure B, are working hard to improve our buildings across campus in terms of energy conservation. We provide receptacles for our campus community to recycle and compost, and we teach eco-literacy in our curriculum. To erect a power plant in our community that burns a non-renewable source and will rain down literally hundreds of tons of toxic pollutants each year violates our ethics and common sense. It's not just poor planning. It's criminal. Here is a partial list of the known carcinogens that would fall on us if this plant goes through:

Nitrogen Oxides: 134.6 tons per year  
Carbon Monoxide: 389.3 tons per year  
Precursor Organic Compounds: 28.5 tons per year Particulate Matter: 86.8 tons per year  
Sulfur Dioxide: 12.2 tons per year...

...as well as other toxic contaminants, including ammonia, benzene, formaldehyde, diesel particulate matter, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and acrolein (tear gas).

Our campus would be "Ground Zero" for these pollutants. Our environment, our faculty and our students -- including the hundreds of children in the Children Center on campus and the hundreds more at the middle school down the street -- should not have to face such a threat. And purchasing "energy credits" from somewhere as far off as Maine will not do a thing to offset the damage done to our air quality, will not replenish our soil, and will not help the asthmatic child on the play-yard.

Our campus is united on this, as expressed by our College Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, Associated Students, and our Administration. Please join us. Vote no on this project and help Hayward progress and thrive. We need your support.

Sincerely,

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