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Letter of Opposition to the proposed Construction of the Russell City Energy Center

The City of Hayward, as the "Heart of the Bay," should be futuristic and forward looking when it comes to making decisions as consequential as building a 600 megawatt power plant.

The city should rethink itself as **the next generation energy technology hub** of the San Francisco east bay, much like the Silicon Valley is for computer high tech. We must make decisions that incorporate the health and economic future of this community now and in the future. As leaders, and community members, of this historic city we should always demand and get the best that a 21st century technology offers. These environmentally friendly technologies may include solar, wind, and bio energy electrical power.

The decision facing us today is consequential, because it will negatively affect the air quality for people who live and work in our city and beyond. The quality of life will be lower especially for the elderly, the young, and for the people who suffer from respiratory ailments. This then affects home prices, and the city's ability to attract more business and residences. We can not let this plan go through.

These signatures were gathered within a 2 hour period and many more could have been obtained had people been properly notified of the hearings. Therefore, we believe that you should re-hold hearings and properly notify residents and workers in the area through targeted leaflets and postings, or other more public advertising.

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