

Chabot college senate opposition.txt

From: Josh Morales  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 7:45 PM  
To: Weyman Lee  
Subject: Chabot college senate opposition

Dear Weyman Lee,

My name is Josh Morales and I wish to express concern/opposition to the implementation of a powerplant so near to Chabot College. I am a Chabot College Alumni and a current transfer student at UCLA. Chabot College has been a very special place for me in the past, thus I have come to its defense. Seeing as you are probably receiving several of these kinds of emails, I am only going to address the main drawback to a powerplant so near to an educational institution.

The main drawback to a powerplant so near to Chabot college is the the sheer number of chemicals it will expose young students to every year. It is obvious that Chabot College is not as affluent as some other educational institutions. Many of Chabot's students are working towards their goals while under severe financial constraints. The powerplant and its pollutants will be just another obstacle that these students will have to face. Thankfully, this obstacle can be avoided.

We do not have to willingly expose young students to such an environment. We can even take a step towards equality by keeping Chabot College as clean as some of the other JCs in the Bay area (i.e. De Anza and Foothill). By keeping Chabot's environment equal to that of other colleges, we are ensuring that students at each have an equal opportunity to succeed. But if we knowingly put Chabot's students at a disadvantage (i.e. a harsher environment), then we are consciously creating a second class environment for low socioeconomic status individuals. You do not have to put such a place so close to an educational institution. I hope you will listen. Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely,  
Josh Morales

p.s. If you are unsure of an alternative location for your powerplant I suggest Hillsborough.