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Every Voice Matters

I was appalled by the lack of respect by a number of self-centered residents from Oxnard that proclaimed Democracy as a reason for the forced suspension of your CEC meeting. All of our time is valuable and every voice matters. To me, Democracy is not having your say and stifling intelligent conversation towards a resolution for the betterment of all concerned. A better example of Democracy is the Art of Compromise.

I hope this staff understands the importance of this project to the City of Oxnard and to Ventura County; not just to a small number of NIMBY constituents that have shut their eyes and ears to the well-drafted proposals NRG has brought forth.

Now that I've forced my complaint for what transpired January 10, 2017; let me thank your staff for coming down to attempt to hear fair and honest testimony from all concerned and for attempting to share the technical aspects of this project that will benefit our community.

I am the immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Oxnard, where I've been a member for 13 years. I am now serving my 4th year as a Board of Director with the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce. I work in Downtown Oxnard with Lazer Broadcasting, a 100% Minority Owned Business that specializes in Hispanic Language Radio Stations. And, I'm a long-time homeowner and resident of Ventura County.

As a community leader, I have seen the positives that NRG has had on bettering our community; therefore, I strongly feel your staff should recognize NRG as a good partner to our Oxnard Community.

Aside from supplying Oxnard with city power, NRG takes an active role in being a part of our community through helping you youth in the Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme Boys and Girls Club .

They also take an active role in our city's special events, including our Oxnard Salsa Festival and the California Strawberry Festival.

NRG is a true member of our community and cares about making impacts that will help our Oxnard community grow and succeed.

The Puente Power Project before you, will provide much needed city revenue; it offers a flexible, efficient approach to meet our power needs; and upon its approval will also lead to the demolition of the two existing power plants on Mandalay Beach. This is a win-win-win project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark Spellman