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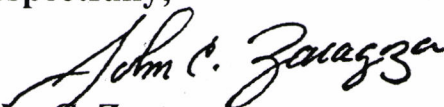
- Good Evening, I'm Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza.
- I represent the 5th District of the County of Ventura, which covers most of Oxnard and our coastline, known as the Oxnard Shores, Mandalay Bay, Silver Strand, Hollywood Beach, Hollywood by the Sea, and Channel Islands Harbor.
- I'm here as a citizen of Oxnard.
- I am a native county resident, I have raised my family here, and we have enjoyed our coastline for many years, and are working hard to improve it as we move forward with opposing a new power plant.
- Tonight, I would like to re-submit my opposition to the NRG Puente Power Plant in Oxnard.
- Let me begin my previous letter:

I am NOT in support of a FOURTH power plant on Oxnard's beautiful coastline!

- **OXNARD is a working class community with a 70% Latino population...Let me repeat that, 70% LATINO POPULATION.**
- **Over the years we have been continuously plagued by ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES and UNDESIREABLE industrial uses; THREE power plants, we host THREE landfills and the Halaco Superfund site, which for years has caused our wetlands in Ormond to suffer.**

- Today, Oxnard is **AGAIN** being left behind, and ignored by **TWO** State Agencies:
 - 1.) The California Energy Commission
 - 2.) The California Public Utilities Commission
- Oxnard already has **THREE** power plants on its unique and environmentally sensitive coastline....the same agencies are considering approval of a **FOURTH** Natural Gas Power Plant.
- The commission continues to ignore the existence of these power plants on our coastline, without future plans of removal, consideration of safety hazards to our air, or acknowledging concerns about how much of an eyesore these plants are for our coastal assets.
- Again, I ask: Why is Oxnard being forced to continue the burden of 50 years of power plant/energy production for the whole region?
- **WE ARE NOT A DUMPING GROUND!!**
- **Enough is Enough!**
- **WE DEMAND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR OXNARD**
- Oxnard residents are working to **IMPROVE** and **CONSERVE** our beloved coastal assets, why should we be forced backwards like this?
- When it comes to treasuring assets in Oxnard, Disadvantaged Communities **ARE NOT ANY DIFFERENT** than privileged communities...**WE LOVE OUR BEACHES TOO!!**
- During a time when California is making great progress towards cleaner and renewable energy it's not unreasonable for **OUR** community to **STRIVE FOR** and even **EXPECT** cleaner and more renewable sources of energy.
- Lastly: **Enough is enough! PLEASE HELP** Oxnard preserve our precious coastline for our future generations to enjoy. Our children's children deserve it.

Respectfully,



John C. Zaragoza
Supervisor, Fifth District