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## **Reject PPP - We don't need more fossil fuel plants**

In 2017, there is absolutely no reason to be building more projects like the Puente power plant. The people of Oxnard have unanimously spoken against it on the basis of public health concerns, and to ignore them would be to deny their right as a community to have the dignity of clean air and a voice in this democracy. Moreover, California keeps making strong statements about being a climate leader, and while our federal government silences climate scientists, undoes many of the climate actions President Obama put in place, and removes us from the Paris Agreement, it's a brilliant time for California to truly put actions to words and take the role as climate leader. We, as a state, keep stressing that we are for climate justice and social justice -- moving forward with the PPP would be blatant hypocrisy on both of these accounts. Commissioning more fossil fuel-burning projects when we already have such a narrow window to avoid dangerous climate change, and putting those projects in a low-income community of color does more than undermine our climate leadership -- it actively works in the opposite direction of progress. Build a solar plant or a wind plant in its stead; invest in the local community and give them ownership of renewable energy, bringing energy security to the central coast. The smart decision is to reject the PPP and look forward as we make our golden state one of renewable and clean energy, and one of social equity and public health.