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We would like to thank Commissioner Boyd for his thorough and accurate analysis of the land use regulations of the city of Chula Vista, as well as for listening so thoughtfully to the testimony of the many community members who have commented by e-mail, phone and in person on this project.

We believe it is critical that the General Plan policy requiring the placement of large polluters and power generators more than 1,000 feet from sensitive receptors be respected and enforced. This is important for more than the 52 families living within 1,000 feet of this proposed location. Many of us in southwestern Chula Vista live within 1,000 feet of light industrial zoned property. We need the protection of this policy. We believe this policy should be a state law and will continue to work with our state representatives to make this so in the future.

Power Generators are a classified use in Chula Vista, as pointed out by Commissioner Boyd. They belong in General Industrial zones. This location is clearly wrong.

There are alternatives, which have not been studied in the detail CEQUA requires. We wondered why MMC was allowed to choose the obviously inappropriate sites they chose as possible alternatives. There is now an industrial zone around the landfill. There are lots just south of the landfill that would meet the criteria of being 1,000 feet from sensitive receptors. (The landfill burns excess landfill gas that could be used as fuel for dual fuel generators?)

There are other substations that could be enlarged to handle electricity produced by a peaker plant. There is a small substation at the landfill. There is the possibility of connecting to the high voltages lines that pass through Chula Vista just North of the landfill. There is also a substation in northeastern Chula Vista near Bonita, the high voltage lines and the 125 freeway. Alternatives should have considered these substations, which are further away from people's homes and schools than the Otay substation.

We commend the Commissioner for finding placing solar on the roofs of commercial buildings and parking lots a viable alternative. This truly would be a great, forward thinking alternative in compliance with the future goals of the state and AB32.

The preliminary decision should clearly be the final decision.

Respectfully and Gratefully Yours,

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