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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Janette Ibal and I have lived in Hayward for 18 years now. I must admit I was outraged when I read the articles "Commission has the Power" and "Power Providers May Offer Incentives" because I do not believe power plants belong in our city. In the articles it stated that the power plants would be built in West Hayward by the shoreline, which is an area that has our best sports complex. Many sports tournaments are hosted in that area and I do not believe it is fair to the children that are going to be out there trying to stay healthy to have to inhale the polluted air caused by the power plants. We have gone this long without the need of additional power plants so why not keep the same methods we have used going.

I agree that the bay area has a high amount of energy usage, however the two power plants would release a heavy dose of particulate matter, as stated in the articles. Our air gets enough pollution by our daily lives such as cooking, or driving a car, which is what I believe as much as our bodies can handle. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHHA) has done studies proving that fine airborne particles have increased death rates. "The study, published in the scientific journal Environmental Health Perspectives, found associations between levels of fine particles in nine California counties and deaths from heart and lung ailments in the general population of those counties, particularly among diabetics, people with respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, the elderly, and women. While many studies have documented that airborne particulate matter in general (defined as particles less than 10 microns in diameter) can increase death rates, the OEHHHA study was one of the first to examine such associations involving fine particles (defined as particles less than 2.5 microns in diameter)." ([www.rampasthma.org](http://www.rampasthma.org)). The power plants will cause 150 tons of airborne pollutant yearly which has been researched to increase death rates as I have shown above.

If the power plants must be built, it should be done so in more industrialized areas where the community will not be nearly as effected. I am all for the building of power plants because they are a vital addition to our lives, however the location that has been chosen can be altered. As a life long Hayward resident, I beg that the power plants not be built in our beautiful city, it is known as the heart of the bay and I personally want it to continue to grow for the better.

Sincerely,

Janette Ibal

