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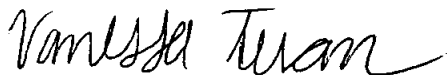
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this time to express my concerns regarding the proposed Hayward Power Plants. I understand that the San Jose-based Calpine Corporation wants to build the 600-megawatt Russell City Energy center and that Tierra Energy wants to build the 115-megawatt East Shore Energy Center in west Hayward. Not that I am insensitive to the purpose of the power plants or their ideas for doing this, but I do not agree with the proposals. Will these power plants make the air quality in Hayward better if they are expected to release more pollution than regulators consider acceptable? I am also aware that the California Energy Commission will be the one with the final decision regarding this matter. I feel that the Energy Commission should consult the residents of Hayward as they are the ones who will be affected most by this project. I am surprised to hear that they are even offering rebates to residents who are willing to give up or upgrade their old fireplaces or woodstoves. Upgrading and removing a fireplace can be costly, yet the discounts would be worth only \$400 to \$700. This may not cover all costs. I don't see why Calpine would try to bribe people out of using their fireplaces or woodstoves that they have become accustomed to, because of the need to build these power plants. What about during the holiday, such as Christmas or Thanksgiving, when fireplaces play an important role in making the house a cozy home sweet home? While I know that electricity is crucial to the effectiveness of a city, I honestly feel that the plants could be built elsewhere or at least propose some other plan where people could reduce the amount of wood they are burning. I agree with the fact that these power plants need to be built, yet I am still concerned with how the California Energy Commission is dealing with this issue in terms of what can be built and where? I feel that the people who are going to be exposed to the pollution, Hayward residents, should be able to have a say regarding the issue. However, I do agree that fireplaces do emit a lot of particulate matter and steps need to be taken in order to address this matter such as limiting the times a person can use his or her fireplace and woodstove. Once again I feel that building two power plants in Hayward would not help the quality of the air nor help reduce pollution. The only thing I see them doing is creating more unwanted pollution for the city than it already has and making local residents uncomfortable. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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