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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the two new gas-burning power plants should not reside in Hayward, California. To add with the utmost environmental problems of global warming and poor sanitation in the world; pollution in the air would just add more harmful effects to the people and animals of where we live. According to the article "Power providers may offer incentives", by Matt O'Brien people of Hayward would be compensated for not using their fireplaces or wood stoves; but would still allow the dangerous power plant to reside there. He describes the compensation as an actual advertisement on television and as catchy as an infomercial. You might think that our world is already polluted enough with smoke from trucks, factories, tobacco, etc., but adding this change with these high-powered plants can really make an impact on the city of Hayward and the neighboring cities surrounding it as well. One must also think of the people and animals that live here in Hayward and the ultimate transformation of their home that they would be uncomfortable with when the power plants took over. The retrofit is not a great idea because it seems like a simple bribe to the people of Hayward and for a faster development of the plants instead of what the people truly think and feel. By taking away their existing fireplaces or wood stoves it would also devalue their homes, and then cause other economic disputes in the future. Health concerns are also a huge factor that should be taken in consideration because of the toxic fumes and dangerous pollutants being trapped in several important areas of the human body. Many of these deadly pollutants can be caught in the blood vessels and become sicknesses with crucial complications such as cancer, asthma, and emphysema. Brien also adds from another article titled "Commission has the power", that the actual wealth that the companies have can truly affect the outcome of pollution that Hayward will eventually bear unwillingly in the future with the powerplants and their destruction of the environment. I do not believe that this alteration in the city would benefit us in any way, and would only hurt our environment. The animals would also be harmed as well as the humans with the toxicity of the particles coming from the power plants. You must also ask is this really necessary in order for us to survive? Will it change or support our lives in any way. I have not yet heard of any improvements or changes that these power plants would make to the city of Hayward. These articles have showed me how I truly stand for the environment. I really do care about how the Earth is being polluted and how global warming is affecting us day by day. I also think about the fresh air in the Bay Area, compared to the hot weather in the Tracy or Modesto; we are so lucky to have that air. I always think about the animals too because they are also living in this place as well. If these power plants do get to be put in Hayward, just imagine all the types of other similar things that will be existing here in the future. Our city will be either really polluted, or a little better than what it would be with all the toxicity.

Sincerely,



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