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Subject: Cogentrix's appeal of the San Diego Planning Commission's decision

I applaud the San Diego Planning Commission's vote to deny initiation of an amendment of the City's General Plan and East Elliott Community Plan to allow the proposed Cogentrix Quail Brush Power Plant. They recognized that re-zoning Mission Trails Regional Park precious Open Space parkland for Industrial use would be a monumental and historic mistake; we need protect this special area, its precious resources, and keep our communities safe.

The San Diego Planning Commission understands the devastating impact to surrounding communities including Santee, Lakeside, Tierrasanta, Navajo, El Cajon, and La Mesa. Members of these communities would suffer from greatly reduced air quality from over 200 tons of yearly air pollution, subsequent health issues, decreased property values, and reduced tax income for local governments.

It would also impact San Diegans who value Mission Trails, including hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that would suffer from air and noise pollution, visual blight, and a highly tainted outdoors experience. It would threaten the area's indigenous (some endangered) plants and animals whose lives depend on the San Diego River watershed.

Now Cogentrix is appealing the vote claiming 'we' need the reliable power, even though the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) stated we already have sufficient reliable energy with the Sunrise Powerlink—even with the possible permanent closure of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. The truth is 'they' want to profit at our expense.

SDG&E should be a responsible corporate citizen by promoting energy efficiency, and implementing safe and truly renewable energy sources including rooftop solar and grid-scale energy storage technology. They shouldn't be allowed to bill all their ratepayers for the \$600 million cost of the plant, (per the California Energy Commission, CEC). We've already paid enough for their mistakes and greed—we do not need a natural gas power plant in a high fire hazard area capable of producing another reckless firestorm in San Diego County.

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