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San Diego City Council  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

City of San Diego Project # 270282, Quail Brush Community Plan Amendment Initiation,  
CEC Docket Number 11-AFC-03, OPPOSE

Dear Council Members,

On Monday, September 24th, you will be asked to make a significant decision with regard to the City of San Diego's future. The intent of this letter is to respectfully ask that you deny all requests from Cogentrix LLC to build a power plant on the outskirts of San Diego in the area known as East Elliot. Such an edifice would be a huge mistake, a travesty of justice, and blight on the landscape.

Save Mission Trails is a nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation dedicated to preserving and protecting areas adjacent to the park from development. We have been involved in the process of opposing the permitting of this project since it was first made public nearly a year ago. We reach out to all of San Diego with a strong following from East County. As such, we represent the majority view of the citizens in the surrounding communities. We urge the Council, in the very strongest terms, to reject the initiation of the Quail Brush Generation Project.

On Monday you will hear many details of the project. Some have been well thought out, but nothing you hear will change these four facts:

1. That the process requires you to break faith with the original planning concept of San Diego as defined by Kate Sessions, Alonzo Horton, and Bertram Goodhue so many years ago. Rezoning a part of the last piece of really "Open Space" left in San Diego County would be a tragedy.
2. That no matter what mitigating acts take place, and in contravention of San Diego's adopted Multiple Species Protection Plan, there will always be a huge, ugly, and unnecessary power station on the very visible and geographic boundaries of the largest and most beautiful urban park in the nation.
3. That in spite of all the rules governing compliance with existing regulations, this power station will exhaust the majority of its toxic and carcinogenic exhaust fumes over a high school and future elementary school less than half a mile away, three elementary/middle schools in close proximity to the proposed site, parks and playing fields less than half a mile away, and the surrounding communities with a population of over 300,000 residents.

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4. That, given the strength of the Wall Street connections of the applicant and builder and the national hunger for cheap energy, this power station will become permanent and operate at all available time for half a century to come.

The "Quail Brush Power Plant" will negatively impact the tranquility of Mission Trails Regional Park and create known health risks to local communities. We strongly urge the City Council members to oppose the initiation of the Quail Brush project and consider developing renewable solar energy sources that are already reducing the need for fossil fuel burning plants such as Quail Brush.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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