

Hello, my name is Jane Crockett and I have lived in Oakley for the past 53 years. In 2009 I was awarded our Citizen of the Year award, a distinction I never thought I would use when introducing myself, but the project before us is extremely important, to me, and to Oakley, so mentioning the award seems appropriate today.

Having been around this area for so long, I remember what type of environmental landlords previous industry has been. Some previous tenants are still cleaning up the mess they left behind. The Oakley Generating Station is light years ahead of the type of industrial neighbor we are accustomed to in East County.

Our region needs private industry to not only provide jobs, but build a reasonable tax base.

This is not a new issue. Lack of real investment in Oakley has been a problem for some time now, but we still function relatively well because we have operated a very lean city government since we incorporated in 1999. Our vision paid off.

Today, leaders in Oakley, trusted individuals, including myself, feel we need the Oakley Generating Station, to offer the type of healthy community we envision for the next 10 to 20 years. We are a small city. **We don't have the resources to actively recruit large businesses to town. Oakley doesn't have the time or money to squander real opportunities.** Please approve this project.

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