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Redondo Beach AES Project

As a longstanding resident and small business owner in Redondo Beach, I would like to express support for the AES modernization project pending before your Commission. If it is determined that the new facility is needed to accommodate the region's future energy demand, the new facility would be much smaller than the current plant and would be more environmentally-friendly given the technology that would be used to generate energy. The new plant would also utilize only 12 of the 50 acres that the existing facility occupies, enabling the remaining 38 acres to be converted into low density light commercial and retail uses that would add significantly to the waterfront area.

A small vocal minority have been opposing development of every kind for the last decade and have never supported anything that would benefit the city of Redondo Beach. This group has attempted unsuccessfully to rezone the AES property through the initiative process and dictate what future uses should be allowed at the site as though they owned the property.

These activists should not be able to dictate what is in the best interests of the Redondo Beach community and of the entire Southern California region if the CEC determines that a modernized AES facility is needed to accommodate our future energy needs.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for the AES application.

Sincerely,

Michael Jackson