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My name is Michael Marran and I have been a resident of North Redondo for three years. I have lived all over the country, and believe that the South Bay will be where I will spend the rest of my life. I have started a family here and have a toddler. I still find it amazing how the day my child was born, there was a very strong, but natural feeling of a need to protect him. I had never felt anything that strong until that point. As he has grown, I have come to cope with the fact that there is only so much I have control to protect him from. One of these things is the rebuilding of the AES power plant.

I know you all have heard the studies, and facts numerous times, so I won't waste your time with those figures. What I would like to say, is can you help the citizens of Redondo Beach protect their family and friends from the harmful effects, both physical and fiscal, that this plant will produce?

With the advances in solar and other green technologies, I would hope that this council would encourage state of the art means of producing electricity that won't have my family breathing in harmful particulates.

I find it hard to explain to my son ten years from now, that our city chose to not fight what will be an archaic way of producing power, years from present day. When I explain this to him, will he have asthma, or another lung ailment that could be related to this? The thought of this makes me cringe.

If that point does not resonate, how about the Shade Hotel and King Harbor. Since moving to Redondo, people scoff at the harbor, and much prefer Hermosa or Manhattan. I have seen the plans for King Harbor, and must say it seems to be moving in a better direction. The Shade Hotel will bring in many high income tourists, spending money in local businesses.

But what happens when in all their pictures, or when they look down the street, they realize their \$500 view includes a cement block producing toxins they are breathing in? When they ask a local about it they say, "oh that's being replaced with a new plant, but it will run more." That person instantly thinks this place is polluted, and what's the adage...they will tell ten people after?

What happens when reviews on the Internet say "Great Hotel...but" and something about the power plant. What stops that person from not making a reservation there, and then going to Hermosa or Manhattan, so their child isn't playing in the shadows of a power plant.

I know that Measure A didn't pass, but there was a lot of bad info out there I'm sure the members of this council will agree. Take out the threat of lawsuits, and the confusing talk of rezoning. Ask the people of Redondo: Do you want a new power plant...yes or no? I can tell you that the majority of citizens are not asking for both a visual and health hazard built in their backyards.

I have yet to see an independent study that supports the rebuilding of the AES plant. California is supposed to be an example to the country for green energy. Cut through the money of AES, and do what's right for not only the health of the South Bay, but the infrastructure of southern California.

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