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## **AES Redondo**

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

I'm writing you to express my support for AES' plans to modernize the existing power plant in Redondo Beach, California. Both of my daughters attend schools within 1-mile of the site, one at Parras Middle School, the other at Redondo Union High School.

Good or bad, our society has become completely dependent on electricity. The new power plant AES is proposing to build is the type of electrical generating station our aging, fragile electrical infrastructure is in badly need of. With the recent closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, I can only assume that the State of California is in need of electricity more than ever before. By the year 2020, 33% of California's electricity must come from renewable resources which means 67% still must come from modern power plants such as the one AES is proposing to build. Moreover, the need for a power plant in the City of Redondo Beach has been determined by a joint review of the CEC, Cal ISO and the PUC.

So it begs the question: Does eliminating a power plant from the current electrical infrastructure seem reasonable? In my opinion, the answer is no.

Opponents of the power plant petitioned and succeeded in placing a measure on the local ballot (known as Measure A), arguing that this was the last chance to rid the City of Redondo Beach of a power plant. They further argued that the power plant is a major contributor of pollution in the area and that the proposed newer, more efficient power plant will increase pollution. The measure's opening sentence stated: Should the City of Redondo Beach phase out existing power generation and power transmission from an approximately 50-acre site? The majority of Redondo Beach voters voted No. In addition, a representative from the SCAQMD stated during a City Council meeting that over 90% of the area's pollution comes from the automobiles that travel through the City of Redondo Beach on Pacific Coast Highway.

The arguments against the modernization of the power plant in Redondo Beach do not make sense. It seems that the opponents of the power plant feel that it is "green" and a good thing when the City converts its bus fleet and City vehicles to natural gas but, it's pollution when you use natural gas to create electricity.

Please approve AES' application to rebuild a power plant in the City of Redondo Beach as soon as possible, so that a more efficient power plant can be integrated into the electrical infrastructure and protect our dependency on electricity.

Respectfully,

Steven A. Williams  
Redondo Beach Resident