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According to AES' application (Tables 5.1-17 & 5.1-29) for a new Redondo power plant, dangerous particulate emissions may rise from 3.3 to 49.7 tons per year and exceed the State standard for concentration in our air.

Particulates are especially harmful to children because they breathe a proportionately greater volume of air than adults due to greater respiratory rates. They are also generally more physically active than adults.

Children inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight. It will put them at a higher risk for asthma.

Exposure to particulate emissions causes twice as many deaths every year in California than breast cancer.

The plant in Redondo Beach is currently running at less than 1 percent of capacity.

The new plant will be noisy. It will have a constant hum consistent with the El Segundo Power Plant.

The new plant will generate 1.5 million tons of Greenhouse gases per year.

That's more than 10 times what the entire City of Hermosa Beach generates per year.

This is not solely a Redondo Beach problem.

This affects Hermosa Beach as the new plant will be located on our border. It will be the gateway to Hermosa Beach, blocking pristine ocean views.

Hermosa is only 1.3 miles long. The south winds during winter storms, and the prevailing southwest winds of the summer will expose most of Hermosa Beach to this increase in air pollution.

It will also pose a health risk to those from out of the area coming to visit our beach.

On May 11, 2015, the Hermosa Beach City Council had a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the Brendle Consulting Group discussing our city's plan.

The General plan for the city of Hermosa Beach is to have carbon neutrality, encourage walking and bike riding.

We are looking at wider sidewalks, greener streets, cafe areas, more bike racks.

Our plans include Iconic Gateways.

To protect the character of our city and protect our property rights.

The city is looking at how land use and transportation relates to our Greenhouse emissions.

Very importantly, the indirect benefits of Health are being tied to City's General Plan.

A Power Plant in Redondo Beach is in direct contradiction to the City of Hermosa Beach's General Plan.

A Power Plant does not belong in the densely populated neighborhoods of Hermosa and Redondo Beach.

A power plant does not belong on 50 acres of the most pristine coastal land in all of California.

Instead, all 50 acres should be a nature preserve, allowing healthy coastal access to all.

The need for this power plant in Redondo Beach is nonexistent.

See Pendergraft, an AES spokesman's admission that a Power Plant is not necessary in Redondo Beach.

Daily Breeze Article dated 7/22/14

This project is continuing an obsolete unhealthy plant that the residents do not want.

Enclosed are:

1. Petition signed by 119 Hermosa Beach residents opposing the new power plant in Redondo Beach.
 2. Petition signed by 52 people opposing a new power plant in Redondo Beach.
 3. Copy of the City of Redondo Beach's Resolution Unanimously Opposing the new Power Plant.
 4. A copy of The Daily Breeze Article dated 7/22/14.
- Pendergraft, an AES spokesman's admission that a Power Plant is not necessary in Redondo Beach.

Please use your position to protect us and our children from the risks of asthma, cancer and heart attacks associated with the emissions from Power Plants.

Please take this opportunity to make this land a nature preserve.

Betsy Ryan



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Air pollution, like oil spills, knows no city boundaries.

We are asking the City of Hermosa Beach City Council to pass a resolution opposing a power plant in Redondo Beach.

The proposed new power plant will be located at our border with Redondo Beach on Herondo Drive.

According to the AES application to the California Energy Commission for a new ^{pollution} power plant in Redondo Beach, air ~~quality~~ ^{BR} is going to dramatically increase in Hermosa Beach if approved.

If this Power plant were to be approved, Hermosa Beach will be accepting all of the health risks, environmental impacts and property devaluation but none of the benefits.

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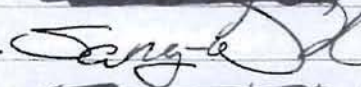
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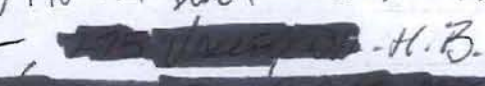
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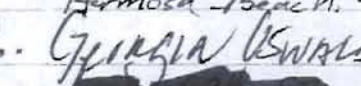
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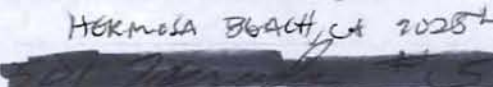




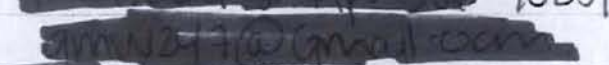






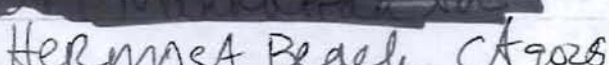
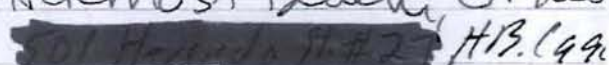


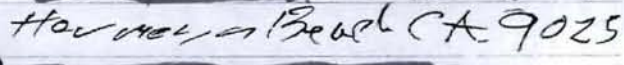


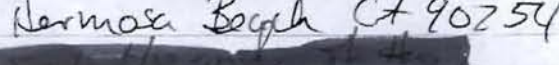








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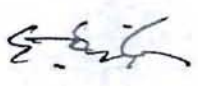


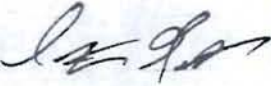




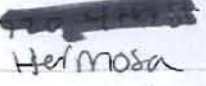



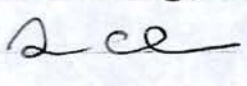
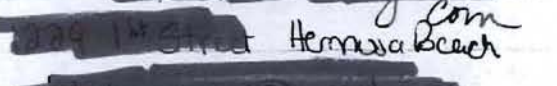

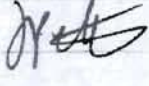

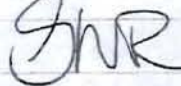
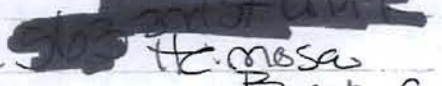
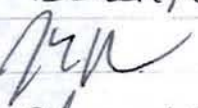









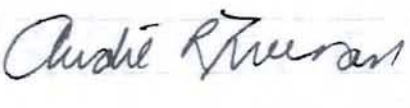



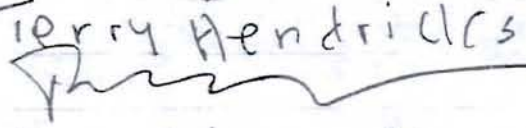

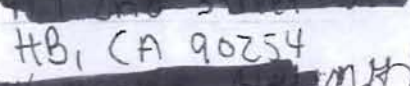
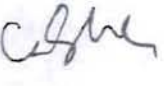
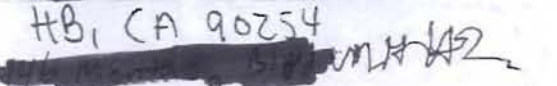

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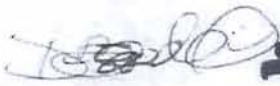




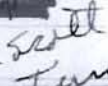


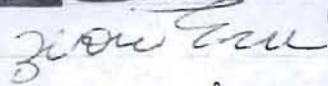

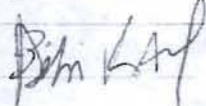















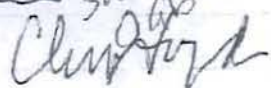
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Pass a Resolution OPPOSING a NEW power plant in Redondo Beach, CA

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City of Redondo Beach Passes Resolution Opposing
Power Plant - Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. CC-1304-029

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE
LICENSING APPLICATION BY THE AES CORPORATION TO
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, Redondo Beach has been a site for an electrical generation plant since 1896;

WHEREAS, the electricity from the electrical generation plant has served an important role in powering residential, commercial and industrial uses;

WHEREAS, the reliability and safety of the electrical grid that serves the City of Redondo Beach and the entire South Bay Region are critical factors in the economic health and quality of life of our City and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, the electrical generation plant has provided jobs, taxes and economic benefits to the community;

WHEREAS, the electrical generation plant is presently owned and operated by AES Redondo, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the AES Corporation, a global electrical generation and distribution business headquartered in Arlington, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the AES Corporation currently operates aged production facilities on the coast of southern California at 1100 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, California;

WHEREAS, this facility is directly adjacent and upwind of a densely populated area - over 13,000 residents per square mile, and surrounded by incompatible uses such as hotels, office buildings, a 1400 slip boat harbor, two restaurants and a senior living facility;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach is in the midst of a harbor revitalization effort that currently includes multi-million leasehold upgrades on our Pier, construction of a new Harbor Patrol Facility, proposed upgrades to several of our existing hotel chains, and a proposed new boutique hotel that will begin construction in the near future and;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach is committed to work collaboratively with the property owner to attempt to find economically viable alternative land uses to provide incentives for uses other than a power plant;

WHEREAS, a public advisory vote was conducted in 2005 to assess two competing visions for this site that had been facilitated and crafted for and by the public over a 6-month period, and neither plans envisioned the continuation of power generation here;

WHEREAS, the AES Corporation operates the electrical generation plant under regulations and permits issued by authorities of Federal and State agencies;

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City of Redondo Beach Unanimously Opposes Power Plant

WHEREAS, in recent years, significant environmental, economic and regulatory changes have occurred that affect the electrical generation business in California and the AES Corporation's Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California State Water Resources Control Board, California Independent System Operator, California Air Resources Board, Southern California Air Quality Management District, California Coastal Commission, California State Tidelands Commission and other governmental agencies are or will be considering applications by the AES Corporation for continued permits to generate electricity in future years at the Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach recognizes the authority of Federal and State agencies to consider and take final action on the AES Corporation permits to generate electricity at the Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach desires to work collaboratively with AES on the removal and remediation of their current aged power plant facilities, preserving Wyland's Whaling Wall, and creating a vision for future non-industrial community beneficial uses of their property.

Now therefore be it resolved that, the City Council requests that the AES Corporation and governmental permitting agencies consider retiring the AES Redondo generating station permanently and remove the aged electrical production facilities, and remediate the land and;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach has serious concerns about the lasting negative impacts on the health, safety and welfare of the community for generations to come by building a new power plant that will likely run more often than the existing plant currently does; and

WHEREAS, this decision will affect the future of Redondo Beach and the surrounding region for the next 50-plus years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council resolves to oppose the licensing application submitted by AES to the California Energy Commission to construct and operate a new electrical energy generating plant in Redondo Beach.

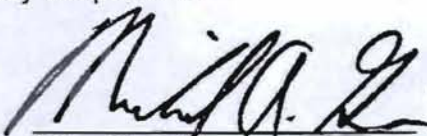
SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

City of Redondo Beach Unanimously
Opposes Power Plant

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April 2, 2013

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2013



Mike Gin, Mayor

ATTEST:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

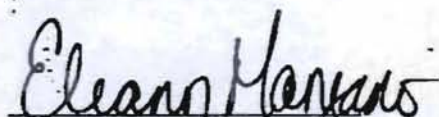
I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. CC-1304-029 was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 2nd day of April 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: ASPEL, BRAND, AUST, DIELS, KILROY

NOES: NONE


ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael W. Webb, City Attorney



AES Spokesman's admission that a Power Plant is Not Necessary in Redondo Beach

The AES power plant in Redondo Beach could be torn down for good if voters approve a measure to rezone the area for mixed-use and residential development instead. View from the Hermosa Beach pier, Tuesday, July 22, 2014, Hermosa Beach, CA. (Steve McCrank / Staff Photographer)

By Carlev Dryden, Daily Breeze

Posted: 07/22/14, 6:37 PM PDT | Updated: on 07/23/2014

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Pictured in the rendering is what the current Redondo Beach Power Plant could become under new AES zoning regulations that will go before voters in the future. Courtesy AES.

AES unveiled plans Tuesday to get rid of its oceanfront Redondo Beach power plant for good if voters approve a measure that would allow mixed-use development, a hotel and park space in its place.

The power company will begin collecting signatures later this week for a March 2015 ballot initiative that, if approved, would shut down the existing plant by 2020 and rezone the site for mixed-use retail and office space, low-density residential units and acres of park land.

"This is groundbreaking," Mayor Steve Aspel said. "This is the only surefire way to get rid of the power plant."

AES, which until now has been pursuing plans to replace the hulking former Southern California Edison Co. structure with a smaller, more efficient plant, must gather signatures from 15 percent of registered voters to place the measure on the ballot.

"In the event that voters don't support our proposed plan, we would continue pursuing the power plant at the Redondo site," said AES spokesman Eric Pendergraft. "It could certainly meet our future needs."

The company submitted plans in November 2012 to construct a new natural-gas, air-cooled facility occupying 13 acres of the 50-acre site. The current facility — which generates 1,310 megawatts, enough to power 2 million homes — was built 60 years ago, although a plant has occupied the property since the 1890s. Because new state regulations ban the use of ocean water to cool steam turbines, the current plant must be retired or rebuilt by 2020.

The power plant, which is situated on the Redondo Beach border with Hermosa Beach, has polarized the community for decades. Critics claim the plant is not only an eyesore along the coast but an air polluter, while the pro-plant faction argues that the facility is vital to provide the densely populated area with reliable power.

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However, that might not be the case, even by AES' own recent admission.

"New power plants are definitely needed, but there are more locations in the region that can meet those needs," Pendergraft said Tuesday in a nod to AES' Long Beach and Huntington Beach plants. "Subject to a favorable vote, we are focusing our efforts on developing new power plants on our other two sites."

Pendergraft said the company has long shown an interest in looking for alternative uses for the Redondo Beach property.

"(Uses) that would allow us to be kept whole economically but result in a future vision for the waterfront that doesn't have a power plant on it," he said. "That's what we've come up with with this proposed zoning."

The so-called Harbor Village Initiative would create new zoning and land use designations for the property on Harbor Drive. However, future specific projects would be subject to City Council and state Coastal Commission approval and an environmental review process, he said.

"It would be similar to the CenterCal process," he said. "Measure G (in 2010) was the public vote that established the zoning designation for the pier area. Now, the CenterCal project is the specific development being proposed inside that zoning designation."

The measure would limit overall development on the site to 600 residences, 250 hotel rooms and 85,000 square feet of commercial space, leaving a minimum of 10 acres of open space.

"By removing the old power plant, views of the harbor and coast would be enhanced and surrounding property values would increase," Pendergraft said. "This initiative would give Redondo Beach the opportunity to transform the site into a vibrant part of the waterfront, providing jobs, healthy economic growth and new revenue for city services."

The proposed initiative also would require the creation of a new pedestrian esplanade/public plaza fronting Harbor Drive; continuation of Veterans Parkway, or the greenbelt in neighboring Hermosa Beach, to the coast; a new tree-lined pedestrian promenade along Herondo Street; and four acres of additional open space to be used for a neighborhood park or recreational areas.

"It's a win-win for everybody," Pendergraft said. "We get fairly compensated. The city gets a lot of benefits. The residents get a new waterfront with no power plant that's existed for over a century."

Aspel called the plan a "smart, responsible proposal that provides enormous benefits."

The city already has spent \$450,000 to formally intervene with AES' proposal for a new plant on the property, he said.

"We've been trying to get rid of that power plant for years," he said. "This is going to avoid costly legal battles."

Aspel said the plant's fate now lies in the hands of voters.

"It's a choice of having a power plant for the next century, or (a mixed-use development)," he said. "It's a compromise."

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