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**Letter of Support for Kim West Mural Architectural Treatment**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 12-AFC-2C  
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**RE: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02C): Letter of Support for the  
Petition to Approve the Kim West Mural Architectural Treatment**

Dear Mr. Douglas:

My name is Greg Gardiner and I'm current a resident who lives within 1000 feet of the AES power generating plant. I also currently work at Edison High School as a biology teacher teaching our students biological concepts about our environment. I am writing to express my support for the proposed mural-based architectural treatment for the Huntington Beach Energy Project.

The Huntington Beach Energy Project is located near the southern entrance to the City of Huntington Beach. Views of the power plant from the south-east are one of the first visual introductions to the City from the Pacific Coast Highway. I believe that the mural design created by Kim West is a beautiful artistic representation of the wetland and coastal environments of Huntington Beach, and more visually appealing than the currently approved wave wall.

I also support the mural architectural treatment because it was the result of an extensive public process by AES where our local thoughts, opinions, and vision for the community shaped the design. I am thrilled by southern California artist Kim West's design and believe that the mural is sure to become an iconic public art display for the benefit of the City of Huntington Beach and the surrounding communities.

I'm excited that installation of the mural, if approved, can begin immediately. This means that residents and visitors will not have to wait years for the southern entrance of our City to be enhanced as soon as possible. We look forward to the artist's work beginning this year, well before the State allows AES to cease operation of its old ocean cooled steam boilers.

I urge the California Energy Commission to approve the AES Petition for a Post-Certification Project Change. We respectfully request that the Commission approve the Kim West Mural so the residents and visitors to Huntington Beach may begin enjoying this public art as soon as possible.