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## **AES Plant**

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

I was born and raised in Redondo Beach, I now live in Palos Verdes Estates. From my home I have a view of the Santa Monica Bay, which includes the Redondo Beach Power Plant. I also presently own two rental properties in Redondo Beach very close to the power plant.

The need for electricity in our region has been clearly determined and to that end I support the demolition of the existing electrical generating plant in Redondo Beach and the construction of a new smaller, cleaner plant in its place. Our society as a whole in CA has been moving away from infrastructure and more towards environmentalism. I think this is a dangerous precedent. Don't misunderstand, I think in the past we did not do enough to protect our environment or our natural resources, but the pendulum has once again swung too far. Unfortunately to run a county the size of Los Angeles, we need water, transportation, electricity and so on. We cannot continue to eliminate our infrastructure and think we are going to be self-sufficient into the future. The Redondo Beach plant has done its job from this location for over 100 years. No one in Redondo even knew we had a problem until this small minority of people, many who do not live here, tried to convince some of us we had a problem. Let's not fix what isn't broken. An existing location with a new, smaller more efficient plant makes all the sense in the world to me.

The naysayers to this project are only a small, yet vocal, minority of residents, most of who are concerned about their views and property values. They knew the plant was there when they bought their homes. I strongly believe the property values of a few homeowners, who purchased their homes knowing full well the existing power plant was there, should not hinder in anyway the construction of a critically important piece of infrastructure that will keep the lights on for decades to come.

As I am sure you are aware, we desperately need the electricity. Please approve the construction of a new power plant in Redondo Beach.

Thank you,

Joseph E. Lenihan

Palos Verdes Estates

Redondo Beach multiple property owner