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## **I Oppose the Repowering of the AES Power Plant in Redondo Beach**

Hello Patricia and the CEC,

My name is Jim Montgomery, I live in the South Bay about 3.5 miles from the current AES power plant in Redondo Beach and I strongly oppose the plant from being repowered. I have been following this issue for a number of years and it is apparent that this plant is not needed, not wanted and would be extremely detrimental to the health and well being of tens of thousands of South Bay residents as well as anyone that visits the area.

AES' own application sent to the CEC shows that dangerous particulate matter will increase 500 to 1500%. Research continues to grow showing the extreme impact that particulate matter has on human health. An independent analysis commissioned by the City of Redondo Beach and performed by Advanced Energy Solutions shows that this plant is not required to meet grid reliability needs for our region.

Measure A was an effort by the citizens of Redondo Beach to rezone the property occupied by the current AES power plant to no longer allow industrial usage of that site, including a power plant. In spite of being outspent by hundreds of thousands of dollars by AES, Measure A narrowly lost. We know that anyone that voted for Measure A is against the power plant, however we do not know how many people total are against it. This is because many people voted no not because they wanted a power plant, but out of fear. Fear of being sued by AES or fear of not having enough power. I know because I walked the neighborhoods and talked to people in support of Measure A and those were the two biggest reasons I heard for being opposed to Measure A. I am sure if a strictly up or down vote was taken on whether a power plant was wanted in Redondo Beach, the vast majority of citizens would oppose it.

In addition, the entire Redondo Beach City Council and Mayor have come out strongly against the AES power plant being repowered and many of our local government representatives (State Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, State Senator Ted Lieu and U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman) have also voiced their opposition to the power plant if it is not needed, which the analysis referenced above shows to be the case.

Please represent what the people of the South Bay want and indeed is in our best interests. The negatives of a new plant are numerous; health, environmental, noise, visual blight, and depressed property values to name a few. Putting a new, more polluting power plant in one of the densest urban environments, especially when it is not needed, should not be allowed.

Please do not give AES a new license.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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