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## **I Support A New Power Plant in Redondo Beach**

To Whom it May Concern:

As a mother, an educator and a twenty year resident of the South Bay, I feel strongly about the reliability of our fragile electrical grid. I continue to educate myself not only on the current and projected supply and demand for electricity but on our infrastructure as well.

The most glaring issue I believe that confronts every resident of our region is that the supply of electricity to our region is extremely complicated. Very bright, well educated individuals with decades of experience are working hard to make sure our electricity needs are met.

At one meeting I had the privilege to meet one of the top engineers at AES. I walked away from the conversation thinking, "Wow, this guy is a rocket scientist in the electricity field. He will forget more about electricity than nearly every one of else will ever learn."

In no way am I trying to denigrate those opposed to the power plant, but I believe these residents simply don't know what they don't know. I would bet that the people working in the electricity generation business do not know much about the opposition's field of work. Hence, why does the opposition insist they are experts when it comes to electricity? Perhaps ten people on the opposition can tell me why electricity that starts at the power plant must be 60Hz when it reaches my home and how the electricity is lowered to 60Hz. It was explained to me and I still don't claim to be an expert.

The production and distribution of electricity is very complicated and I believe you need well educated people in the field of electrical engineering making the decisions. Because, when it comes right down to it, I want my light switch to turn on my lights, I want my refrigerator to be cold, I want the lights in the grocery store to work, I want to be able to pump gas when I need it and get coffee from Starbucks. Have you ever tried to do homework with fifth grader by candle light? If so, then I can only trust you are for a steady, reliable source of electricity.

A new smaller, cleaner power plant is a great compromise: The existing, old, dinosaur of a structure is torn down, a new state of the art power plant is build on only 12 acres, and the residents get to decide what to build on the remaining 38 acres. As far as electricity is concerned, the experts in the field say it is critical to have a power plant on the western side of the Western LA Basin. So be it, build a power plant.

Thank you,  
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