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Dear Commissioners:

It is not appropriate land use to site a fossil fuel industrial plant in open space natural area surrounding Mission Trails Regional Park and near residences, schools, and medical facilities. Low-lying Santee already suffers air quality problems. The cumulative air quality issues are not tolerable.

This is a high fire risk area. A natural gas plant increases the risk to local citizens like myself, my neighbors, and our families. Our condo complex and many other homes and condos have a one way to exit in case of fire. We would be trapped in an emergency.

Furthermore, I disagree with the energy resource need presented by Cogentrix in their latest request for a suspension instead of withdrawal. It was just last March 12, 2013, when the CPUC noted the lack of need for additional power, **EVEN WITH THE CLOSURE** of the San Onofre plant (SONGS). We have the energy we need. To best fulfill the mandate for providing clean energy, any peak energy gap in the future, if one would exist, should be filled with energy storage, energy conservation, and rooftop solar. Let California lead the way with truly progressive energy solutions. A fossil fuel plant in an ecologically sensitive area is not a progressive solution.

The natural scenic beauty along Route 52 would forever be destroyed by an industrial plant.

I respectfully ask you to deny another year suspension requested by Cogentrix, and instead to terminate the application for siting a power plant in the East Elliott Community Plan area or anywhere near Mission Trails Regional Park.

Sandy Kuntz