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I strongly oppose the Redondo Beach Energy Project of AES because of the 10 fold increase in pollution including the very dangerous fine particulate matter which gets caught in our lungs and does tremendous damage to our health. The Redondo Beach site, in a dense neighborhood of Redondo and Hermosa Beach, is not the place to site such an industrial project. There are many schools and senior living facilities within a few miles. It has been proven that fine particulate matter causes death to living things, like children. This death is unnecessary because there are alternatives for our energy needs.

In this time of climate catastrophe, the dirty fuels such as natural gas are being phased out to cleaner fuels which create less carbon emissions such as solar, wind and geothermal. Californians are voting to limit carbon emissions. The need for an additional natural gas power plant in the South Bay is just not there. This is not a case of NIMBYism. It is the reality that AES has other sites with power plants that are not in such dense neighborhoods and where property values are lower. Siting this project will only increase the property value and make it more difficult for the city of Redondo Beach to come up with a better use for the site.

Please do not approve this new plant which will increase pollution ten fold, increase noise by a bunch, and create the chance of an industrial accident or explosion from the natural gas either at the power plant or along the pipes. It's just too dangerous, especially since there are better options for our energy needs in California!

I'm out of town or I would show up in person to the meeting on Wednesday night but trust me that this is a very important decision for not only the neighborhoods surrounding the plant but for everyone sharing our planet. We must limit our CO2 emissions and one way is to make it more difficult to approve ill-advised plants.

Thank you for your very careful consideration of your decision.

Sincerely,

Jane Affonso