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California Energy Commission January 10, 2017 Oxnard, CA

- Good Evening, I'm Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza
- I represent the 5th District of the County of Ventura, Which covers most of Oxnard and our coastline.
- Tonight I'm here as a citizen of Oxnard.
 NOT on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.
- Thank you for allowing me to say a few words.
- Let me begin by saying: I am NOT in support of a FOURTH power plant on Oxnard's beautiful coastline!
- OXNARD is a working class community with a 70% Latino population...Let me repeat that,
 70% LATINO POPULATION, Ladies and Gentlemen.
- And over the years we have been continuously plagued by ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES and UNDESIREABLE industrial uses;
 THREE power plants, host to THREE landfills and the Halaco Superfund site, which for years has caused our wetlands in Ormond to suffer.
- Today Oxnard is AGAIN being left behind by TWO State Agencies:
 - 1.) The California Energy Commission
 - 2.) The California Public Utilities Commission

- Oxnard already has THREE power plants on its unique and environmentally sensitive coastline....Now these agencies are considering approval of a FOURTH Natural Gas Power Plant.
- Why is Oxnard being forced to continue the burden of 50 years of power plant/energy production for the whole region?
- WE ARE NOT A DUMPING GROUND!! Enough is enough!
- WE DEMAND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR OXNARD
- Residents are working to IMPROVE and CONSERVE our beloved coastal assets, why should we be forced backwards like this?
- When it comes to treasuring their assets, Disadvantaged Communities ARE NOT ANY DIFFERENT than privileged communities...WE LOVE OUR BEACHES TOO!!
- During a time when California is making great progress towards cleaner and renewable energy it's not unreasonable for OUR community to STRIVE FOR and even EXPECT cleaner and more renewable sources of energy.
- Lastly: Enough is enough! PLEASE HELP Oxnard preserve our precious coastline for our future generations.

Sincerely,

John C. Zaragoza

Supervisor, Fifth District