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Diablo Canyon is needed for reliability and low-carbon future that Californians can afford

While the anti-nuclear contingent is out in full force - spreading misinformation, exaggerations, and outright lies, these fringe activists do not represent the opinions of Californians and certainly not the majority of residents in San Luis Obispo county. Polling conducted in January 2022 (Ref. 1) showed that a majority of Californians (58%) support the continued operation of Diablo Canyon, and nearly three-quarters of San Luis Obispo county residents (74%) agree. Californians want reliable electricity and reduced risk of blackouts, low energy prices, and progress on carbon emissions reduction. According to a recent study by experts at MIT and Stanford (Ref. 2), continued operation of Diablo Canyon can help with all of these issues.

I remain optimistic that our leaders and policymakers will make decisions based on the best available information.

With the looming threat of blackouts, CA electricity prices rising at a rate several times that of the rest of the country, and an electricity supply that is still dominated by natural gas, it is clear that Diablo Canyon is needed. Please, keep Diablo Canyon operating to help provide low cost, clean, and reliable electricity for California.

1. <https://carbonfreeca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CA-Nuclear-Energy-Issues-Survey-Analysis.pdf>
2. <https://energy.stanford.edu/publications/assessment-diablo-canyon-nuclear-plant-zero-carbon-electricity-desalination-and>