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To, whom it may concern

The two power plant companies, Calpine Corp., and Tierra Energy are pushing to build there power plants right here in Hayward. From the article that I have read from the newspaper, The Daily Review, by Matt O'Brien, "Tierra Energy, wants to build [a] 115megawatt East shore Energy Center" (POWER, from news 1). It seems to be a great idea to have two new power plants that can create more energy for the bay area and have lesser chances of having a blackout. That is not the real deal in our situation, 'both [companies] would use pollution-trading methods to make up for the pollution they produce" and also both companies are trying "to help shut down polluting facilities in San Francisco and northern Contra Costa county" (POWER, NEWS 1). So basically, one single city has to suffer the burden of two other cities power plants. Even-if one power plant is built, residents of Hayward will have to retrofit their fireplaces for that the air can be less pollutant to the environment (O'Brien). It is not fair for a power company to run their plant the way they want to, and for the people who live in the city have to be regulated on how they generate there own heat by the company. What troubles me most is that these two plants are going to be built extremely close by our homes, "the two gasfired Hayward power plants would also be releasing a heavy dose of [pollution]" and "150 tons [of it] per year if both plants are operating at maximum capacity" (O'Brien). The two power plants will not benefit Hayward. Calpine offered, "the Hayward public library system a \$10 million capital gift if the project goes forward" (O'Brien). That may benefit that libraries of Hayward, but it cannot benefit Hayward's resident's health in the long run of the power plants. Hayward does not need two power plants in the city to pollute the air. The Hayward citizens need to stop these powers plant.

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