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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jeannette Nunez and I am a resident of Hayward. I write this letter in regards to the two proposed power plants that are to be built near the Hayward Shoreline Center. I strongly disagree with this proposal, not just because two major plants will be built here, but mostly because they would be built right around the corner from my house. These plants, Calpine and Tierra Energy, are not taking the health of Hayward's residents in consideration. They say that they are looking for ways that will reduce their 600 and 115 megawatt fumes from polluting the air. I understand that Calpine proposed a way which would reduce air pollution in the area. Their plan is to pay Hayward residents to stop using their fireplaces so the fumes from the power plants will take over the space that the fireplace fumes would use up. This strategy does not convince me at all. These companies are making it clear that they do not care about the people of Hayward at all. They would actually want people to stop using their own fireplaces in the winter just so the power plant fumes could use up all of the air they want. This is extremely selfish from their part. I would personally refuse this offer and any other "pollution-reducing" offers that these companies have been planning because none of them will ensure the health of Hayward residents enough. I do not believe that any of their plans will be able to control the 150 tons of fumes that would go into the air for the people of Hayward to breath in every year. This number is outrageous, and at the same time scary for somebody in Hayward to think of as something they might have to deal with because of some greedy power plants that are taking advantage of a city so they can make an extra dollar. Also, I understand that the California Energy Commission already refused the offer for the Tierra power plant because of the short distance that it would have from the Hayward Executive Airport. It's already bad enough if one power plant is built because one is enough to produce a good amount of fumes that can easily interfere with the smog that goes up from low-flying aircraft that arrive and take off at the Hayward Airport everyday. This is one of my major priorities that affects me because the Hayward airport is basically right in front of my house. I cannot imagine myself walking outside and looking around at nothing but a dirty patchy sky filled with who knows how many kinds of toxins. Nobody wants to have the view of a huge power plant blowing dangerous fumes every time they leave their house. So, I have come up with a proposal. The people of Hayward need to learn more about these power plants because most of the community has no idea that this plan can be in effect. If it is possible, with the support from the Hayward Council, we will fight against these power plants and kick them and their fake plans to improve the city of Hayward out of here as far away as possible.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Nunez