

Chabot-Las Positas Faculty Association

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER POWER PLANT

Whereas,

the Chabot-Las Positas Faculty Association (CLPFA) has consistently and publicly stated its opposition to the siting of a power plant in the neighborhood of the College, where it will negatively affect the working conditions of faculty and the learning conditions of students and;

Whereas,

the Russell City Energy Center will introduce numerous toxins into our environment, including five criteria pollutants identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as injurious to health, the environment and property and;

Whereas,

the "Maximum Impacted Receptor Center" map prepared by the California Energy Commission identifies the Chabot College campus as "ground zero" for falling toxins from the Russell City Energy Center, which the CLPFA denounces as an unwarranted and unacceptable burden to place on a community resource such as ours;

Whereas,

the CLPFA interprets the move to site a power plant in proximity to our mostly low-income, majority-minority students and neighbors as an act of environmental racism, especially since the electricity generated by the plant is intended for residents of the Peninsula, not Hayward or the East Bay;

Whereas,

the CLPFA finds no assurances in the text of the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit" that polluting emissions will be sufficiently monitored or that sufficient oversight is in place to ensure the PSD Permit Conditions are met;

Whereas,

the plant's emissions will put at particular risk the many young children who attend our Children's Center on a daily basis, especially since children have been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as "sensitive receptors" to criteria pollutants, and;

Whereas,

we wholeheartedly disagree with the California Energy Commission's staff assessment that ten deaths per million due to exposure to contaminants from the Russell City Energy Center is an "acceptable risk" for the community to bear, and;

Whereas,

the supporters of the plant's persistent claims that the plant will bring 650 jobs to the region repeatedly fail to acknowledge that those jobs are temporary and will last no more than 18 months, yet the plant will be a polluter in this community for as many as forty years, and;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that the Chabot-Las Positas Faculty Association emphatically denounces plans to site the Russell City Energy Center in the west Hayward corridor, near our campus, where it will negatively affect the working conditions of faculty and the learning conditions of students.