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Commissioner James Boyd
Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oakley Generating Station

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I work as an instructional aide at Oakley Elementary, serve on the Oakley Union Elementary School District Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and Implementation Committee and am a volunteer coach soccer coach for the East Diablo Youth Soccer League. I know and talk to wide cross-section of Oakley residents and want to inform you that the applicants of the Oakley Generating Station enjoy a lot of support in our community. Most of us don't really understand why this project has taken so long to gain regulatory approval, but we have shifted from curious observers of the project, to deeply concerned residents who now are trying to make sure this project is not delayed any further.

I would like to state for the record, that I formally support this project and hope the California Energy Commission does everything in its power to make this project a reality. It's my understanding that the fate of the project does in fact rest in your hands. Please do not take away the one significant and verifiable revenue generator our city has in the pipeline.

I normally don't take public positions on issues like this, but Oakley has a history of losing out to its neighbors, and I need to make sure the decision makers (in this case, the CEC) know that we want this facility in our community, and to deny it would adversely impact Oakley residents and even threaten our Public Safety, it certainly wouldn't help. As an aside, our local Fire Protection District recently voted to shut down two of its eight stations by mid-July, 2011. Funds are scarce in East Contra Costa County, we desperately need the jobs and revenue this project will bring.

I plan on calling Oakley home for decades to come and ask that our biggest economic opportunity in many years is not taken away from us. **Please vote in favor of the Oakley Generating Station**.

Sincerely,

Valerie Castaldi

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Parent & East Diablo Youth Soccer League's Top Soccer Coach