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To whom it may concern,

I am a long term San Diego resident and a recent homeowner in Santee. My wife and I are avid hikers and mountain bikers and are appalled at the plans to ruin one of San Diego's few natural resources, the Mission Trails Regional Park area in and around Sycamore Canyon. This plant will be more than just a public nuisance, it will ruin the enjoyment of us, and thousands of people, of our local open space.

I oppose the rezone of Open Space to Industrial for the 'Quail Brush Power Plant' abomination. Please deny the CPA initiation!

The Quail Brush project conflicts with the following documents: the East Elliott Community Plan, which designates the site as Open Space; the General Plan, which designates the site as Park, Open Space, and Recreation; and the Municipal Code, which designates the site's zoning as single-family residential (RS-1-8). Cogentrix wants to amend the Community and General Plan by initiating a rezoning from residential to industrial in open space area that was designated to be protected.

What is the specific justifiable criteria for initiating this change? Why is the city of San Diego even considering making changes to these plans and it's own codes at the expense of the surrounding communities and federally endangered species that live there? Is the building of the 11, 100 ft stacks, using technology that is dated and inefficient, far more important than our quality of life, health of our seniors and children, and the peace and tranquility that the Mission Trails Regional Park has provided since around 1962?

Since the park was a 2000 acre gift from the Federal Government to be used for open space supporting the residential community, shouldn't the city of San Diego at least entertain the thought of supporting the federal government's mandate to move away from fossil-fuel based energy and instead look to solar energy? Solar panels on rooftops will harness surplus galore since San Diego gets abundant sunshine year round.

We OPPOSE this initiation and demand its withdrawal. We, the people are watching our cities' actions closely now and will find it suspect should the city of San Diego's Planning Commission vote to allow this permanently damaging change so that a power company can place their plant in a location that is most convenient and cost effective for them so they can increase their gross profits at the communities' expense in every conceivable way.

Best Regards,

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