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April 28, 2008

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
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Re: *Proposed Combustion Turbine Power Plants in
Southeast San Francisco*

Dear Mayor Newsom and Supervisors:

We write to urge the City of San Francisco to abandon its plan to build new fossil fuel-burning power plants amongst its environmental justice communities. With overwhelming evidence that some or all of the 200 megawatts of new generation called for under the power plant proposal are unnecessary to replace the aging Mirant Potrero Power Plant it is both environmentally unjust and ecologically irresponsible to approve the construction of these new power plants.


We call upon you, Mayor Newsom and the Board of Supervisors, to support the creation of a power plant-free action plan to close the Potrero Plant by increasing San Francisco's reliance on renewable energy and ending its dependence on fossil fuels.

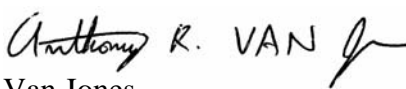
California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO) staff are on record as stating that the under-construction 400 megawatt Trans Bay Cable transmission line reduces the need for local generation to replace Potrero, and as recently as April 11, 2008 Cal-ISO asserted its willingness to review an action plan that replaces the need for natural gas combustion turbines with environmentally sound alternatives selected by the City.

San Francisco must not construct any amount of unnecessary fossil fuel energy generation, especially amongst its most disadvantaged and environmentally vulnerable communities, at a time when we must act to reduce our overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Please take a bold step forward and table the outdated power plant proposal in favor of the creation of a truly revolutionary plan for a renewable energy future for San Francisco and the planet.

Sincerely,


John Rizzo
Sierra Club

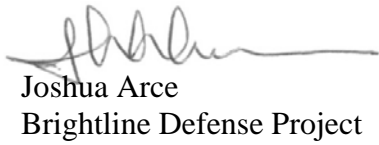

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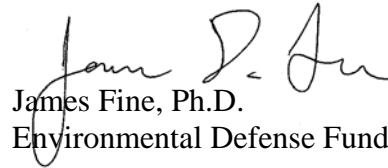
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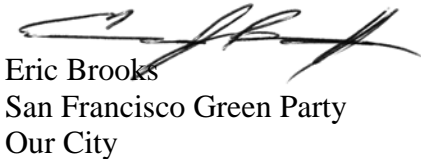
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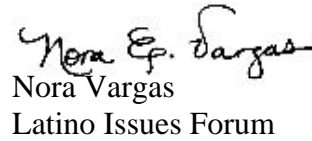
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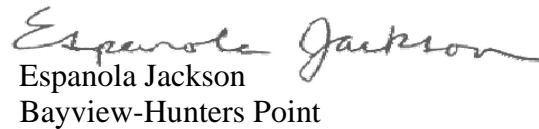
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