



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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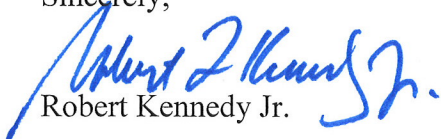
RE: Alternatives to New Fossil Fuel Generation in San Francisco

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing out of concern that tomorrow San Francisco may approve a \$273 Million peaker power plant. As you know, there is an urgent need across our country to shift our energy investments away from fossil fuels and toward the energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies that are the building blocks of the cleaner, healthier future we all seek. Where San Francisco ultimately decides to invest its precious energy dollars is a choice that will send a message to cities around the country.

Given the size and impact of this project, I respectfully urge you to listen to the public interest and environmental groups such as Sierra Club and SPUR that are calling for an independent study to determine whether these power plants are truly required in 2008. An independent survey by qualified energy industry consultants is particularly important since new opportunities for cleaner renewable alternative fuels have recently materialized and may be sufficient to meet all of San Francisco's projected energy demands over the coming decades. The peaker plant proposal is based on a plan several years old and did not account for the existence of these alternatives. In the past, San Francisco's leadership has played a critical role in moving our nation in the right direction. America's need for your leadership on clean energy has never been more urgent and the stakes for our environment and our nation have never been greater.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Kennedy Jr.

CC: Mayor Gavin Newsom  
President Michael Peevey, California Public Utilities Commission  
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger