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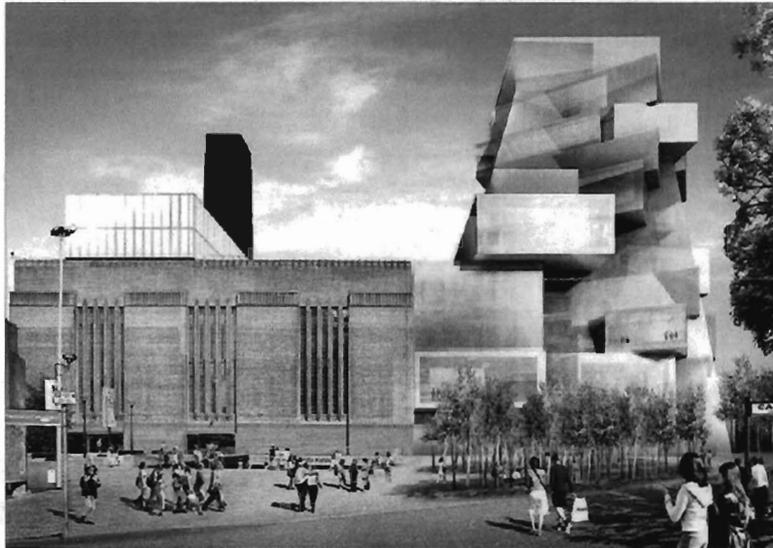
Support Carlsbad Energy Center Project

I live and work in Carlsbad Village, just 1.7 miles from the proposed upgraded Carlsbad power generation facility. I have no connection, economic or otherwise, with NRG, SDG&E, etc. other than my standing as a resident of Carlsbad. I strongly support applicant's petition.

The primary objection to the proposal has been aesthetic. One person described it the other day as a pimple on the beach. But the proposed plant is to be located between the I-5 freeway and the railroad. If the power plant is a pimple, then the I-5 and the railroad are ugly scars. Yet, all three are essential to support the lifestyle that we have evolved here along the coast.

The City might have negotiated covenants to set a timetable for the removal of the existing, unsightly plant. Instead, the City elected to become a partisan in the proceeding. Moreover, the existing "smokestack" provides needed elevation for various radio transmission activities – public safety communications and cell phone service.

NRG has proposed the possibility of recasting the structure into something like the Tate Museum Annex in London. Aesthetics is in the eye of the beholder but there is a stark beauty in the Tate Museum that could be replicated on the NRG site in Carlsbad. Here's a picture of the Tate:



We need reliable power, locally generated. We urge your approval of the Carlsbad Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

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