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Letter to the Editor
Bay Area News Group

Re: Article dated April 2, 2011,
Chabot Alone in Fight Against Power Plant

The Board of Trustees for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District firmly believes that a price cannot be placed on the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Our Board, Chancellor, students, faculty, and staff remain resolute in our opposition to building a gas-fired power plant next door to Chabot. Our position is simple: any activity of this kind near the campus threatens the health of the people who go to Chabot to learn and work. This is not an appropriate site for this plant.

We are unmoved by Calpine's advantages and mastery of the regulatory and court systems. We are not interested in taking the Corporation's money in return for silence. We are offended that its executives believe that we shouldn't be allowed to spend our resources to fight a problem that they foisted upon us.

We understand that we are the last holdouts. We are unwilling to accept a donation check from Calpine to remain quiet and move on. This issue is about the health and safety of our students and employees at Chabot. It is our intent to remain opposed because we feel strongly that the plant should not be built in the proposed location.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara F. Mertes".

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