



Emergency Ordinance Establishing for Crematorium Activity: Chronology of Events

- **April - May 2012:** Communities for a Better Environment (**CBE**) gathered 300 plus signatures from people who live and breathe in East Oakland. There were also letters of support from key community groups, businesses and Alameda County Public Health, all agreeing that any new crematorium in East Oakland should have to go through a public process that considers effects it may have on health, the environment, and the area as a whole.
- **May 15, 2012:** Councilmember Larry Reid sponsored an emergency ordinance, which the Oakland City Council adopted unanimously, stating that no crematorium may get a permit under the category “general manufacturing.”
 - The Emergency Ordinance prohibits crematoriums from opening without first acquiring a major conditional use permit (CUP) that tells the community the impacts and puts conditions in place to protect against those impacts
- **May 15, 2012:** [Alameda County Public Health Department writes testimonies on Land Use Issues, supporting the Emergency Ordinance:](#)
 - The City informed the Neptune Society it would have to get a CUP if it wanted to open in East Oakland (District 7)
 - The Neptune Society filed an appeal, saying the Emergency Ordinance did not apply to it, and that the Ordinance is invalid
 - The Oakland City Council expressed its intent to make the Emergency Ordinance permanent before it expires – without a permanent ordinance in place before the Emergency Ordinance expires, the Neptune Society will operate its facility without first getting a CUP and we are back to square one
- **August 29, 2012:** [Alameda County Public Health Department again supports the Emergency Ordinance:](#)
 - The Oakland Planning Commission met, and voted against The Neptune Society appeal.
 - CBE mobilized residents and business owners, faith groups to make comments at the Planning Commission meeting
- **January 2013:** CBE continued to do outreach and education about the health impacts of crematorium.
- **March 2013:** CBE has collected 200 more signatures to date for a total of 500

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