



COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

*Building Community Power to Achieve Environmental Justice,
Clean Energy and Healthy Communities*

September 3, 2013

Re: Join CBE, September 11, 2013, 6pm (250 Frank Ogawa Plaza) and pack the Planning Department meeting and stop Commissioners from allowing new crematoriums.

Dear CBE Members, East Oakland Residents, Allies and Partners:

Lawsuit

- The lawsuit filed against the City by Neptune is pending.
- If the court rules in favor of Neptune's proposed crematorium the community will not get critical information about the facility, including the effects it may have on the environment, public health, and the local economy.
 - **Demand the City Attorney to appeal the court's decision if it allows Neptune to move in, pollute our air and make a profit at our expense.**

Proposed Classification for Crematoriums

- When the City Council extended the "Emergency Ordinance" at the May 7, 2013 Council meeting, it directed Planning Department staff to change to the local ordinance regarding crematoriums.
- The Planning Department has begun this work by developing a new use classification that specifically classifies "Crematorium" as an industrial activity type.
- This proposal will allow crematoriums only in West and East Oakland, communities already too polluted.

Where should Crematoriums be located in Oakland?

- In March 2013, CBE filed a request for a "Zoning Declaration" for Crematorium Activities to be recognized as part of the "Extensive Civic Impact" category. Extensive Civic Impact activities require a Conditional Use Permit but may be located in parts of Oakland that are not already subject to environmental injustice.
- CBE's proposal is an environmental justice solution that protects all of Oakland from more pollution. Historically, crematoriums have been Extensive Civic Impact uses.
- In June 2013, the Planning Department declared that Crematorium Activities are General Manufacturing Industrial Activities, not Extensive Civic Impact.
- The Planning Department will hear CBE's appeal on September 11th.

Attend the Planning Department meeting and be heard!

If the Oakland Planning Dept has its way, East and West Oakland can add mercury and dioxin from crematoriums to our already polluted air. We want a greener and healthier Oakland, not a more toxic and polluted Oakland! Go to our [Crematorium campaign webpage](#) for more information.

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