



The Ugly Facts about the Proposed Crematorium:

We have neither WON nor LOST the fight. For the past 3 years, we have won some major victories, but we have not won the war. We still need to fight this project. We need everyone to fight until the end! We want Stewart Enterprises and their crematorium project to go away.

LOSSES:

1. May 2012 Stewart Enterprises sues the City
2. August 2013 Judge rules in favor of Stewart on one part of the case (Stewart has a right to the General Manufactory zoning clearance mistakenly given to them by the City in August 2011, and they can proceed under that zoning)
3. August 2014 Judge Spain issued dismissed Stewart from CBE's discrimination case against the City



VICTORIES:

1. May 2012 Emergency Ordinance stops project from moving forward
2. August 2012 Planning Commission denies Stewart's Appeal of the Emergency Ordinance
3. December 2013 CBE files a lawsuit against the City
4. June 2014 Planning Commission votes to pass permanent ordinance for zoning crematoria
5. July 2014 City Council votes to approve the permanent ordinance
6. September 2014 City Council takes 2nd vote
7. September 2014 Stewart drops its case against the City
8. The door is now open for us to again ask City Council to appeal the judgment in that case

The Emergency Ordinance should apply to Stewart Enterprises. We strongly urge the City to appeal the judgment once entered. By appealing the judgment (when the time comes), you will be showing your leadership for the whole city. The City still needs your support to make the human crematorium proposed for East Oakland by Stewart to go away!



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