



AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE RESIDENTS OF BROCKTON TO THE BROCKTON CITY COUNCIL

Brockton Power and Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter are impermissibly attempting to run rough shod over the City Charter and the long standing roles of the Mayor and the City Council by colluding to have the Federal Court approve and implement a consent order that would force the City to cave in to the money and influence of Brockton Power and build the power plant which this city council and previous city councils have all voted down and stood in opposition to as it is bad for the city, bad for the residents and would impose a financial white elephant upon generations of Brockton residents.

The City Council must stand up and let the Federal Judge know that it continues to oppose the power plant and that efforts to build it in the face of the opposition of the Council would be an unjust and legally unsound takeover of Brockton decision making by the Federal Court.

This month Brockton Power cynically dismissed its case against the City Council to eliminate its opposition to Brockton Power's frivolous lawsuit to build the Power Plant. Once the City Council was dismissed from the law suit, Brockton Power and the Mayor colluded by filing a joint motion to approve a joint consent decree no doubt written primarily by Brockton Power. The proposed consent decree will have the City approve Brockton Power's use of either waste water or potable water whatever the consequences to the health, safety, environment or financial impact upon the residents of Brockton. It will frustrate the City Council's right and obligation to fairly and accurately assess the impact of Brockton Power's intended use of Brockton resources on us, the people and businesses in Brockton. The City Charter expressly delegated this power to the City Council and not to the Mayor. The City Council must uphold its prerogatives and obligations and let the Federal Court know that the consent decree impermissibly encroaches on the powers of the Council under the Charter and under State law. The Energy Facilities Siting Board ("EFSB") and the Supreme Judicial Court ("SJC") have both ruled that the Council's vote to deny Brockton Power access to the City's waste water and its potable water was reasonable and factually justified. The Federal Court should not be empowered to overrule the reasoned decisions of the state and through the collusion of the Mayor grant Brockton Power a victory they were fairly denied by the EFSB and the SJC.

The City Council must now protect the residents who the voted and entrusted their elected officials, uphold their promise to shield the residents from the ravages to come from the proposed Power Plant, and tell their attorney to immediately file appropriate pleadings to oppose the joint collusive motion of the Power Plant and the Mayor.

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