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Honorable Councilmembers

As an Oakland resident I urge the Oakland City Council to take a stand against the Neptune Society crematorium.

Earlier this year the Neptune Society won a lawsuit, (Stewart Enterprises vs. City of Oakland), which could allow them to build a mega-crematorium in East Oakland. This crematorium would be located near homes, churches and schools. In their ruling, the court failed to discuss and analyze the harmful cumulative impact of this facility on East Oakland. If Neptune Society isn't stopped now I fear that the health of other Oakland neighborhoods, not just East Oakland, will suffer. I urge the City Council to protect our health and environment from crematorium pollution by appealing the ruling in the Stewart Enterprises vs. City of Oakland suit.

As identified by the Alameda County Public Health Department, the proposed crematorium project is linked to a number of toxic air pollutants such as mercury and dioxin emissions. These pollutants are harmful to human health and exacerbate conditions like asthma and have been linked to cancer.

East Oakland faces many challenges including gun violence, blight, foreclosures, lack of access to healthy food and unemployment, all while residents are striving to build a healthier community. We want clean air, good jobs and vibrant neighborhoods. Our city doesn't need any more pollution burdening our health.

Sincerely,

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