

## Brockton, Massachusetts "City of Champions" Linda M. Balzotti – Mayor

May 10, 2012

Dear Residents of Brockton,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the city's ongoing opposition to the proposed construction of a power plant on Oak Hill Way.

There are numerous ongoing legal cases involving the power plant pending in the courts. I am unable to comment on the specifics of these cases for obvious reasons.

However, in light of the recent untruths that have been put forth, I want to make my position perfectly clear.

I remain steadfast in my opposition to the power plant and I have never met with or had direct conversation with the power plant people or their surrogates. From my first day as Mayor, my instruction to legal counsel – both in-house and outside – was to pursue each and every case to the fullest and in the best interest of the City of Brockton. This has not changed.

This power plant is the wrong project for Brockton. The south side of the city already has a waste water treatment plant and a landfill. The proposed power plant would add an additional and unacceptable environmental burden to our community. I have never wavered regarding the city's financial commitment to pursue all legal cases and advocate for the best interest of the City of Brockton and its residents. A significant portion of our nearly 100,000 residents meet the criteria for an environmental justice population. Every resident has a right to environmental justice – to have a clean, healthy quality of life.

Sincerely,

Kind W. Belotti

Mayor