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**Orange County Residents Call for Expanded Investigation and Halt to Construction
of CPV Power Plant Project**

The indictment of aides close to **Governor Cuomo** and **Competitive Power Ventures** executive **Galbraith Kelly** validates what residents of Orange County New York have long suspected, that the **CPV Valley Power Plant** and its related facilities would never have been approved absent undue influence. “When you look at all the public health impacts and environmental conditions that were systematically ignored there is only one conclusion, that there were other motivations and incentives at play,” said **Pramilla Malick** of **Protect Orange County**, a local organization that has been opposing the project for several years. The group has been urging **Governor Cuomo** to shut the project down immediately pending the investigation, but those pleas have also been ignored by the **Cuomo** administration which announced its own investigation several months ago. They also have been calling on U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara to expand his investigation to include other local and state decision makers including State Senator **John Bonacic**, whose son represented the power plant company involved in the indictment. **Malick** points out “It’s important to remember that this is not a victimless crime. Several families have been forced to leave their homes and much environmental destruction has already occurred.” Construction was allowed to proceed despite the fact that there are still key pending approvals. “Something is wrong with that” says **Malick**. “Are the approvals predetermined?” **Malick** also believes that the company was deliberately rushing development of the project in order to beat the investigation and claim vested interests, but adds that the community “will not allow the company to get away with that”. **Malick** recently won a primary election to become the **Democratic candidate for State Senate** in the impacted district. Her bid is largely based on the need to clean up the corruption in Albany.

Protect Orange County now demands once again that **Governor Cuomo** immediately halt construction.

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