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Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 7:58 PM
To: Weiner, Peter H.
Cc: Reilly, Carol; Madriago, Odette; Black, Stewart
Subject: Re: Meeting with Richmond Southeast Shoreline CAG and Mayor McLaughlin

Peter,

Thank you for this background and for the invitation. I have not yet been formally "briefed" on the Zeneca/UC project and look forward to learning about DTSC's role and well as the community's hopes and plans for the future. I would welcome the opportunity to participate in a CAG meeting and, at this point, October 13th looks open. I am cc'ing Carol on this email so she might communicate with you and/or Sherry.

Best,
Debbie.

>>> "Weiner, Peter H." <peterweiner@paulhastings.com> 7/30/2011 6:20
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Debbie,

The Richmond CAG and an enormous number of stakeholders in Richmond have been meeting every second Thursday of the month for several years now in an attempt to get the Zeneca and UC Richmond Field Station sites cleaned up in a manner that is permanently protective of human health and the environment. Local DTSC was at one point very supportive of the CAG, but has more recently not been able to participate fully because of budget constraints. Headquarters DTSC had an unfortunate interaction with the CAG, when Gale Filter--at the time head of enforcement--angered CAG members in a series of interactions that was not perceived as forthright or respectful of CAG interests or individuals. The Director has never visited the CAG.

The CAG is enthusiastic and appreciative of your role in supporting local residents who constructively interact with the department, often on a technical basis, to offer their views, hopes, and objectives for community revitalization. All of this is especially relevant because the University of California and others are now expressing interest in the site, and a truly effective cleanup could be vital to the City of Richmond and its communities.

Serving the CAG since 2004 has been one of the most positive and important experiences of my professional life.

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (one of the few Green Party Mayors in CA) will be on vacation when the CAG meets in August; I will be so in September.

Would it be possible for you to meet with the CAG on October 13, 2011?

I believe that an official invitation from both the CAG and the Mayor is in the offing, but they'd like to be sure that you are interested in coming.

I am copying Sherry Padgett, a winner of the Jefferson Award (with which you are certainly familiar) for her work in co-founding and leading the CAG for many years. You can of course reply to Sherry and/or me.

Thanks so much,
Peter