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Dear Mr. Tisopulos:

The reason I write you today is to provide some comments on my visit to the meeting you chaired on the 16th at your headquarters building.

That you held such workshops came to my attention as your representative Ms. Rainbow Yeung recently spoke to the Downey City Council. I try to attend these on a regular basis. I made an inquiry of her and she provided me with the locations of several workshops the District was to be holding. I picked your headquarters location as it fit into my schedule.

I was somewhat surprised to find the attendance was a little sparse.

Your opening remarks were good and provided the reasons for the meeting to those, such as myself, who did not know exactly what to expect.

Each of your speakers were well informed on their subjects and provided background to their part of the program in very understandable language.

While somewhat lengthy it seemed to me to be necessary to cover the needed subjects.

Then as it came time for public comments I noted that you took notes and at the speakers conclusion covered each item they spoke on in detail. You certainly did not leave spaces or a vacuum to the things that were spoken to!

My comments were near last and it was not my wish to pretend that I was something of an expert on anything. I offered some observations I had noted over time and suggested that my impression was attention should be placed

on accomplishing what can be accomplished as soon as possible. Targets are needed and fine but they should not be excuses for delaying something that can be made right sooner.

I appreciated your comments as I came to the end of my list and I am looking forward to see some of these things implemented in times ahead.

This afternoon I spent time reading all of the literature provided me and do have a small comment on what I read.

Obviously the 2007 plan has to be made and be in the needed format to meet requirements. I found that more than a few trees had been cut to make the paper and ink spilled to get this report to the printer. Quite possibility the District has found this a necessity but to a layman there are items covered that to my mind might not be needed in a plan for air quality. An example might be a foot bridge over a flood control channel or repair of a bicycle path. I could go on at some length but I am certain you understand my thought here. More action and less paper would allow your people more time for truly productive things and bring quicker relief to the citizens of the District.

In summation I would like to congratulate you and your cohorts for a very productive meeting.

Time permitting I'd appreciate your thoughts.

Most sincerely,

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