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September 20, 2010

SF Public Utilities Commission
Revenue Bond Oversight Committee
Aimee Brown, Chair
1155 Market Street 5th Floor
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Dear Chair Brown and Members,

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, founded in 1972, is a grassroots, non-profit, all-volunteer organization whose members are 44 neighborhood associations geographically based throughout San Francisco. I write as Chair of the CSFN committee which studies utilities issues and makes recommendations to the membership on plans, programs and policies of the SFPUC.

We are strongly supportive of the proposal put forth by RBOC member Brian Browne to engage the public policy institutes of the universities, utilizing their extensive resources, knowledge and expertise, to conduct a truly independent review of the status of the WSIP, in order to determine if the projects can be completed on budget and by 2015 as mandated by State law. The attached Resolution was unanimously adopted by our membership on August 17, 2010.

We are fully cognizant of the Review dated January 19, 2010 by the Commission's Panel of five experts, which resulted in some good recommendations. And we recommend that the same six questions be the starting point of an analysis by the universities.

However, we do not believe this Review was as thorough or as independent as necessary to instill greater public confidence that the WSIP will be completed by the mandated deadline. We are anxious that our suburban customers will take control of our HH system and that the SF ratepayer will be exposed to ever rising rates as additional Bonds will need to be issued to cover costs incurred by delay.

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We are hopeful that our support of Mr. Browne's proposal will be of some significance to you as you consider whether to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan Girardot, Chair
CSFN Water Task Force

Att: CSFN Resolution dtd 8/17,2010

CC: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

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RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly urges the Revenue Bond Oversight Committee to enter into a contract with designated experts at UC Berkeley and UCLA to conduct a thorough organizational review and status report of the WSIP (Water System Improvement Program) to determine if the projects can be completed on budget and by December 31, 2015, as mandated by State Law.

Passed Unanimously

August 17, 2010

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