



February 3, 2010

Dear Chamber Members,

I was deeply disappointed by the Mayor McLaughlin's response to Chevron's Refinery Manager, Mike Coyle regarding the business community's role in supporting local community non-profit organizations. These contributions meant a lot to each and every one of the recipients. I am encouraging each organization to write a letter to our Mayor and let her know how appreciative they are of any business partnership contribution. I'm asking community groups to let the Mayor know what the donation enabled you to accomplish for this community.

The Governor came to Richmond last week to announce tax cuts for green business. He understands that by reducing their costs it allows them to create JOBS. Unlike our Mayor, who looks for ways to increase taxes - the direct result being the loss of jobs and good businesses. By supporting Measure T, the Mayor discouraged new manufactures from coming to Richmond. By her inaction over Chevron's renewal project, over a thousand jobs were eliminated. Just last week I talked to a small engineering firm who had to lay off seven engineers due to the stoppage. The reverberation of her action - or the lack thereof - continues to cost people and families their lively hood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judith Morgan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith Morgan
President/CEO