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Dear Ms. Morgan,

I am writing to demand a retraction of falsehoods about me stated in your recent letter to Chamber members. See RCOC NEWS email below.

The paragraph below, excerpted from your letter, states clear falsehoods about me. I would like to remind you that it was not me that stopped work on the Chevron Renewal Project. It was the Court.

*"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."*

Ms. Morgan, I am very concerned about your clear and deliberate statements about me, directly and falsely accusing me as being responsible for massive job losses.

I would like to caution you to refrain from distributing future potentially libelous communications under the Chamber letterhead about me or any other public servant -- to do so puts the Chamber at serious risk of legal liability and will severely tarnish its credibility and effectiveness in the community.

In these times of economic strife and job loss, it seems to me that you would have better things to do than spreading false and politically-motivated communications to your membership. I would think the number-one priority should be enhancing and enriching the local business environment for all the Chamber members -- including the hundreds of small businesses that the Chamber claims to represent and who offer the greatest potential for economic recovery for Richmond.

Sincerely,

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