



January 26, 2010

Mayor & City Council, City of Benicia
Attn: City Manager's Office
250 East L Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Re: Benicia Arsenal Project

Dear Madam Mayor and Honorable City Council Members:

Please accept this letter, on behalf of the Economic Development Board (EDB), serving as an advisory body to the City Council regarding economic affairs, as our means to facilitate dialogue and discussion regarding the Benicia Arsenal Project.

It is the charge of the EDB to pay particular attention to events and occurrences that impact economic matters in the City of Benicia, including property values, both commercial and residential. Certainly an issue as large and complex as the Arsenal Project has great potential to affect business, commerce and property interests. To that end, the EDB has decided to take this extraordinary measure to send written correspondence to convey to you that thought be given to such interests when moving forward with the project. We believe this letter to be a reinforcement of public statements made by our body and yours regarding this particular concern. Furthermore, EDB stands ready to assist in the public outreach effort. Thank you for your time and diligence on this matter and please know of our collective willingness to help with this project.

Sincerely,

Christina Strawbridge
Chair, Economic Development Board

cc: Brad Kilger, City Manager
Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney
Mario Giuliani, Acting Economic Development Manager