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Mayor Irma Anderson and
City Council Members
City of Richmond
2600 Barrett Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Mayor Anderson and Honorable City Council Members:

Early in the month of March, after telephone conversations with Steve Duran, I recommended an expert in Native American Affairs to advise the City of Richmond relative to siting and obtaining a tribal casino at Point Malotte. The Point would be an excellent location for such a venture for a variety of reasons. As called upon, I will continue to assist in the casino venture.

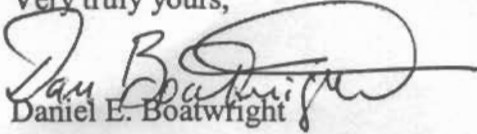
Also, in March I worked with Mayor Irma Anderson and City Manager Jay Corey, with a view to helping reduce the impact of Richmond's revenue shortfall and budget crisis. The Mayor and City Manager decided legislation was needed and after they discussed the matter with Assembly Member Loni Hancock, they forwarded the proposed legislation to me.

I met with Hancock's Legislative Assistant, Armando Viramontes, and delivered the proposed legislation. Since the Legislature is on their Spring break the first week in April, we will probably not have a bill in print until the middle of the April. The legislation will be an urgency measure and if passed by a two-thirds vote of each legislative house and signed by the Governor, it will become effective immediately.

I have also contacted Senator Don Perata's office with a view to soliciting the Senator's co-sponsoring the legislation. Since no state bail-out money is involved in the proposed legislation, there should be little or no opposition.

Even though the last day to introduce legislation in this year's session was February 20th, the prohibition does not apply to urgency measures. I will give periodic verbal reports to the Mayor and City Manager on the proposed legislation in addition to my written monthly report. I anticipate that we will need representatives from the City to testify at Committee hearings on the bill. I will coordinate this with Ms. Hancock's office.

Very truly yours,


Daniel E. Boatwright

CC: Jay Corey, City Manager
Leveron Bryant, Assistant City Manager