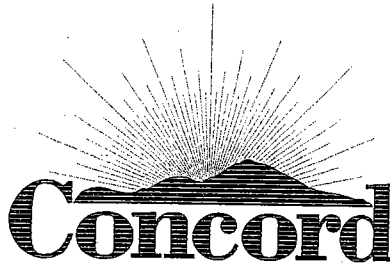


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December 8, 2006

The Honorable Wayne Army  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Department of the Navy (Installations and Facilities)  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4D684  
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

RE: Concord Naval Weapons Station

Dear Mr. Army:

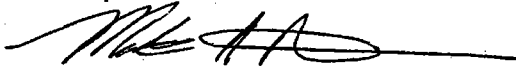
On November 15, 2006 and again on December 1, 2006 we sent written confirmation of our strong opposition to the premature transfer of the Inland Area of the Concord Naval Weapons Station through use of the Exchange Authority as set forth in 10 U.S.C. Section 2869. Our position was supported in a November 28, 2006 letter from Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Members of Congress George Miller and Ellen Tauscher. We have clearly and consistently asked that the Navy immediately surplus the entire Inland Area and that you not select disposition methods until the Reuse Plan is completed. In support of the last point we have asked the Navy to formally reject the Shaw Environmental Company's proposal.

We have also communicated directly to you and your staff, at lengthy face to face meetings on November 20<sup>th</sup> and again on November 30, 2006, that if the actions above are not taken immediately that community confidence in the process and the LRA/Navy partnership will be irreparably damaged. We are sensitive to your needs to move to conveyance as soon as possible and staff did reach an understanding, at the November 30, 2006 meeting, on an aggressive schedule to prepare a Reuse Plan, HUD Application and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that meets Federally mandated time frames under BRAC.

City staff also met directly with representatives of Shaw Environmental on November 17, 2006 to discuss their proposal. We certainly understand why their proposal might be good for the Navy or Shaw but we were not convinced of its merits for the City. Our Council has received letters of support for the City's position from a diverse cross-section of our local and regional community, including business interests, neighborhood groups, labor, adjacent municipalities, special districts and other non-governmental organizations.

The Council conducted its orderly reorganization on December 5, 2006 and I am writing to re-confirm our unanimous opposition to the Navy's premature use of Exchange Authority in this manner. As requested in prior written communications, we ask you to reconsider your position and take the steps outlined at the beginning of this letter.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Peterson  
Mayor

cc: Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy  
Phillip Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment)  
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