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Subject: R.11-02-019 Request for Ex Parte Meeting with Assigned Commissioner Florio

Dear Commissioner Florio,

The people, as well as the technical experts, are concerned as to the future outcome of what are turning out to be a highly technical and specialized evidentiary hearings and arguments on gas pipeline safety

methods.

The National Asian American Coalition, being headquartered in San Bruno, is in a special position in regard to Main Street concerns, this was initially a primary objective of this proceeding. For example, as you are aware, the National Asian American Coalition, the Black Economic Council and the Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles brought approximately forty-five San Mateo/Santa Clara residents to the first pipeline public participation hearing on April 5th. On April 4th, these organizations submitted the survey, which is a part of the record in this case, from 190 local residents as to their concerns about the future of these proceedings (please see the Joint Parties' April 4th letter detailing the results of this survey, which is attached for your convenience).

After reviewing your well-considered decision of November 2, 2011, one portion of which we strongly disagree with, we would appreciate an opportunity within the next three weeks to have an ex parte meeting with you personally to discuss our suggestions on how the PUC can ensure full public confidence in its eventual decision. As the PUC recognized early on in this proceeding public confidence is not a given. And events since that public hearing have further demonstrated the potential erosion of community support, not just relating to PG&E, but also as to this Commission.

It is also important, in our opinion, to ensure sufficient public support so as to avoid what happened on November 2 in Boulder, Colorado (despite being outspent ten to one by the utility, Excel Energy, the voters ousted the public utility).

From the information available to us generally, it appears that a well-run and highly efficient privately-owned utility is generally preferable to one that is municipally owned, particularly when the privately-owned utility pays close attention to the concerns of the ratepayers.

The Joint Parties of the National Asian American Coalition, Black Economic Council and Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles, will therefore call your office to set up such a meeting.

Warm Regards,  
Robert Gnaizda