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Subject: SF Chronicle Political Columnist Story

Terrie and Paul –

A Chronicle writer named John Cote apparently will publish a story about Mayor Lee and his position on San Francisco's CCA. He asked Travis Kiyota a series of questions that are answered below, and we're providing them to you as background.

Thanks

Laura

John,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions. I've included the answers to your questions below.

Critics allege the company uses charitable contributions to influence groups to support policies that benefit PG&E. Response?

I'm not sure who exactly these critics are or what their criticisms are.

We feel we have an obligation to the communities we serve. We have a longstanding history of supporting organizations that are focused on education, economic and community vitality, and the environment and that is the sole purpose of our charitable contribution program.

In 2013 we contributed more than \$23 million to more than 1,300 charitable organizations throughout Northern and Central California. These investments in our communities are funded entirely by our shareholders and have no impact on our customers' utility rates.

Why did PG&E increase its donation to SPUR in 2012 to \$85,000 after giving about \$60,000 a year in the prior three years?

At their request, PG&E increased its support of SPUR in 2012 after the organization decided to expand its services and launch a new San Jose office.

Since we serve both the communities of San Francisco and San Jose, we were thrilled to increase our support, recognizing that it would benefit another area that is critical to the economic future of the Bay Area.

Why did PG&E's dues to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce almost double in 2012?

Our overall support increased based on a contribution to sponsor the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Chinese New Year Parade and Festival in 2012.

As a company with more than 20,000 employees from diverse backgrounds, we embrace diversity and support groups that represent the communities we serve.

Has the utility pressured or otherwise tried to convince Mayor Ed Lee or his staff to oppose CleanPowerSF, either directly or through surrogates?

No. We respect the energy choices that are available to our customers and cities.

Did PG&E increase its donations to causes close to the mayor after his election?

No. Our community investments are not based on the election of any official.

Did PG&E lobby any city staff, commissioners or officials over the SFPUC CleanPowerSF vote last year?

No. While we remained neutral on the vote, we provided information about PG&E's rates and services when requested by local government officials so that they could make well-informed decisions.

How often do Travis Kiyota or other PG&E officials meet or have conversations with Lee or his staff? What are the meetings about?

As the gas and electric service provider to the City of San Francisco and a company headquartered in the City, we meet regularly with officials within the Department of Public Works, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the City's Police and Fire Departments on matters related to emergency preparedness, public safety, infrastructure investments, operational maintenance and construction, energy efficiency, street lights, underground facilities and matters related to our franchise agreement with the City.

Our meetings with the Mayor's office are much less frequent, and are focused

on larger city-wide issues of public safety and infrastructure improvements.

Why are none of PG&E's government affairs team registered as lobbyists with the city of San Francisco? If you maintain that their activities do not constitute lobbying under San Francisco law, please explain why.

Our Government Relations Representatives are not registered as lobbyists in the City of San Francisco because they do not meet the threshold of the city's lobbyist rules. The ordinance also exempts many types of common communications, including testimony at public hearings, written responses to requests and attending meetings when not influencing local legislative or administrative action.

As noted in the answer to the previous question, our Government Relations team interacts with the City on a variety of non-lobbying issues.

Thanks again for providing me the opportunity to respond to the questions you provided us.

Best,

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