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To: Janet Busse  
Subject: Re: Charter Review Committee Submission

Hi Janet,

I appreciate that you are going to take up the submission I made regarding the Charter Review. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting on April 13th due to a previous commitment. If either yourself or Bruce have any questions or can think of any clarification I can provide I can respond via email if that is allowed. To reiterate my submission: While watching some of the televised Board of Supervisors meetings I noticed that there are times when a Supervisor reads a statement that "due to a possible conflict of interest" they recuse themselves from any vote on the matter. In addition they read a statement that they have determined that there is "no conflict of interest" and will vote on the matter. It may be that the Supervisor involved have received an opinion from the City Attorney and that this is just the way the determination (conflict or not conflict) is put into the public record. I haven't heard any statement to that effect made though and thought that in the interest of transparency it should not be the Supervisor themselves who are allowed to make that determination on their own. As I stated in my submission; I am not suggesting that there is any dishonesty being shown but there have been times when it certainly appears to me that there could be conflicts. In particular with the Downtown Redevelopment project.

Hopefully this makes clear my suggestion and provides you with information to proceed with the process.

Thanks again for responding,

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