

CITY ATTORNEY



June 4, 2009

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Mr. Matthew Nichols
Principal Transportation Planner
City of Berkeley
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Update Regarding Richmond's "Commuter Benefits Program" Ordinance

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I write to provide an update regarding Richmond's "Commuter Benefit Program" Ordinance. The City of Richmond is committed to collaborating with employers and community members to provide a strong ordinance that meets employers' needs and protects public health and the environment. Our Commuter Benefit Program will help the City of Richmond achieve its goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions within the City of Richmond to 2000 by 2010, 1990 levels by 2020, and eighty (80) percent below 1990 levels by 2050. These levels should be achieved in Richmond and throughout the Green Business Corridor. Richmond and Berkeley's passage of a Commuter Benefit Program Ordinance provides a major step toward uniting the Green Business Corridor.

Councilmember Jeff Ritterman, the chief sponsor of this legislation, is scheduled to meet with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the Council of Industries to discuss the draft Commuter Benefit Program Ordinance on Monday, June 10, 2009. We will be sure to forward the latest draft of Richmond's Ordinance once it has been thoroughly vetted. We anticipate that the Commuter Benefits Program Ordinance will be introduced for first reading at the Richmond Council Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon L. Moore".

Shannon L. Moore
Deputy City Attorney

cc: Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Richmond City Councilmember (via email only)
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Mr. Randy Riddle, Richmond City Attorney (via email only)

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