



City Manager's Office

City of Arts & Innovation

January 28, 2016

Ms. Barbara Lee, Director
California Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

Subject: Riverside Agricultural Park

Dear Director Lee,

With utmost urgency and importance, I am writing at the direction of the Riverside City Council to request your appearance before the City Council on a Tuesday evening on or before March 15, 2016, to deliver a report on matters related to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) co-located sampling efforts to characterize the type, extent, and limits of soil contamination at Riverside Agricultural Park.

As you are well aware, the Riverside City Council has previously requested from you a presentation to explain and answer questions regarding Riverside Agricultural Park. It is imperative to the City of Riverside to gain a first-hand understanding of DTSC's efforts toward mitigating the subject contamination issue at Riverside Agricultural Park. I trust that you will take this request to appear before the City Council with the highest priority. DTSC has an obligation to directly inform the City Council and public about past cleanup activities, soil sampling and associated test results, methodology, enforcement actions, and the overall path forward in assuring Riverside Agricultural Park and surrounding neighborhoods are free of hazardous contamination that compromise the health and safety of the area's existing and future residents.

I look forward to you contacting my office promptly at (951) 826-5553 to schedule your presentation at an upcoming Tuesday night City Council meeting on or before March 15, 2016.

Sincerely,

John A. Russo
City Manager