HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
City of Palo Alto

Subject: Appointment of Two Candidates to the Utilities Advisory Commission for Two Terms Ending June 30, 2011.

Dear Council Members:

On Monday, August 4, 2008, at its Special Meeting, the Council will vote to appoint two candidates for terms ending June 30, 2011 to the Utilities Advisory Commission.

The candidates are as follows:

1. Dudley Anderson
2. Cedric De La Beaujardiere (Withdrew)
3. Walter Loewenstein
4. John Markevitch
5. Rajesh Mashruwala
6. John Melton (incumbent)
7. Asher Waldfogel
8. Richard Whaley

Voting will be by paper ballot. All votes will be announced. Five votes are required to be appointed to the Utilities Advisory Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith M. Hashemi
Deputy City Clerk

cc: All applicants
    Valerie Fong, Staff Liaison
Dear Mayor Klein and Palo Alto City Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to interview me and the other candidates for the Utility Advisory Commission on July 22. You have some well qualified candidates for the positions, and after careful consideration, I have decided to withdraw my application.

I hope this will make your decision a little easier, and it will leave me available for another position which would be a closer match to my skills, qualifications and interests: that of Environmental Commissioner, should you as a council reconsider and decide in favor of the merits of such a body.

I support a city environmental commission or similar body independent of my own desire to apply my skills for the welfare of our city and citizenry. It would provide you, the Council, with valuable and well thought out advice regarding the tough decisions our city must make and how they may affect our environment within the city and regionally. This body would help the community better understand the challenges we face and the opportunities they present for streamlining operations and saving the city money and energy, investing in our people and local resources, preserving a beautiful healthy and productive environment, and helping us to respect the spirit and intent of our comprehensive plan. I hope you will again consider and move to create an Environmental Commission or similar body for our city.

Respectfully,
Cedric de La Beaujardiere

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