CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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DATE: November 3, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Finance – Acting

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 2 – Revised Link

In Item #2 CONS 15-253 - City Procurement Policy Update, page 4 of 6 contains an incorrect link. The section titled "Local Preference" in the first paragraph, the statement should read "In accordance with the Municipal Code <u>http://www.hayward-ca.gov/CITY-GOVERNMENT/DEPARTMENTS/CITY-CLERK/index.shtm?tab=3#hmc</u>, the City supports businesses located in Hayward..."

Prepared by: Dustin Claussen, Director of Finance - Acting

Approved by:

Fran David, City Manager

CITY OF HAYWARD

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	November 3, 2015
TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Michael S. Lawson, City Attorney
SUBJECT:	Campaign Contribution Limits, Agenda Item No. 10 (LB 15-031)

Campaign Expenditure Limits- CPI Adjustments

Over the weekend, staff received an inquiry from a member of the City Council regarding the contribution limits for candidates who decline to accept the expenditure limits and candidates who agree to expenditure limits. In 2002, when the contribution limits were set at \$250 and \$1,000, respectively, there was a precise ratio of 1:4. Over time, with the application of annual CPI adjustments resulting in limits of \$315 and \$1,295, there is no longer a precise ratio of 1:4 – yet staff has carefully applied the factors set forth in the original regulations.

While it might have been the understanding of the framers of the original regulations that a ratio of 1:4 carried some significance, there is no discussion of such understanding or intent in staff reports or the regulations themselves to support such a conclusion. As a practical matter, the relative values of \$315 and \$1,295 are not significantly different and in fact reflect the original regulations. It is not staff's recommendation to 're-set' the values at (for example) \$315 and \$1,260 – as over time the values would again skew slightly.

Registration of Committees

Staff would like to also offer its recommendation to alter the proposed ordinance's definition of a "committee." As currently drafted, the proposed ordinance defines a "committee" as a person or persons who receive contributions totaling more than \$250. We believe this number is too low. Considering that campaign communication disclosures are made for contributions of over \$1000, committees should not be required to register with the City Clerk if total contributions to the committee are \$1000 or under.

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Thus, the recommended changes to the proposed ordinance that staff proposes are 1) changing the definition of "contributions" in subsection 2-13.01(d) to reflect the \$1,000 amount, and 2) increasing the contribution amount to \$1,000 in the subsection regarding committee registration (specifically subsection 2-13.11(h)).

Respectfully submitted

City Attorney S. Juan

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Hayward Youth Commission Resource Survey

This resource survey is for understanding what the youth of Hayward feel about their experience in the city and how the Hayward Youth Commission can help improve that.

1.

- A. What is your age? ______ B. What is your grade? ______ C. Which school do you attend? ______ D. What is your ethnicity? ______ E. What is your gender? (Circle One) M/F
- 2. Are there enough programs/activities in Hayward to participate in over the summer?
 - Yes
 - 🖬 No

3. What new facilities/activities would you like to see in Hayward (Rank in order of preference 1-8)?

- Bowling Alley
- Sports Center
- Performing Arts Center
- Skating Rink
- Go Karting
- Park/Green Space
- Mini-Golf

4a. On average, how many times a week do you go out for fun? (movies, bowling, hanging out with friends etc.)

4b. How much do you spend every time you are out?

5. In what general location would you like to see your preference from #3?

6a. Do you feel that you have the resources to find a job?

- Yes
- No If no, why not?
- Not Applicable

6b. If you were to obtain a job how many hours would you like to work?

6c. If you were looking for a job what would you prefer:

- -paid internship
- volunteer internship
- -"Regular" Paid work (Retail, Food industry etc)

7. Rate your overall youth experience in Hayward on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst. (Circle One)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Thank you for completing our survey!



Mount Eden High School

2300 Panama Street Hayward, CA 94545-4698 Tel (510) 723-3180

Dear MEHS Band and Orchestra Alumni, Parents, & Friends,

The Mount Eden High School Instrumental Music Program is seeking out your help in assisting our student members. As former alumni parents, members, and/or patrons, you know firsthand how extraordinary the program was when you were an active member and now you can continue to keep those awesome opportunities going by making a contribution to the program you have come to love and cherish!

By giving a small yearly donation of \$10 our wonderful program can continue to successfully aid our student members towards their musical goals and help ensure they can all be involved in all the great experiences we can offer!

We would love to financially assist our kids with Nationals honor ensemble expenses, yearly tour expenses, private lessons, tutoring, and scholarship funding.

Please take advantage of our giving levels and complimentary tickets! You know your money will give a long way towards changing a student's life. And, Believe me, every little bit helps our students succeed in the end. Isn't it worth it? You know it is!

Here are the following Giving level suggestions!

\$10- special thank you shout out!

\$25 (donor receives 1 complimentary tickets to a dinner event!)

\$50 (donor receives 2 complimentary tickets to a dinner event! and I tickets for a home formal concert performance!)

\$100 (donor receives 2 complimentary tickets to 2 dinner events!)

\$200 (donor receives 2 complimentary tickets to 4 dinner events and honorable mention in our programs!)

\$500 (donor receives 4 complimentary tickets to a 4 dinner events and 2 tickets two our winter and spring formal concerts and honorable mention in our programs!)

\$1,000 (donor receives 6 complimentary tickets to a 4 dinner events and 8 tickets two our winter and spring formal concerts!)



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Donations

Donations can be made through the Mt Eden High School Gofundme account. Donors, It would be nice to donate with your name; we want to thank you personally!

In general, checks be made sent to:

Mt. Eden High Band 2300 Panama Street Hayward, CA 94545

Also, please make checks out to Mt. Eden High Band account #303,

Our tax ID number is 94-327-3702 under the 501c3 non-profit organization called Dreamscape Inc.

For further questions, feel free to send an email or stop by. Thank you for the continuous support of the program!

Sincerely,

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Kevin Cato Band Director cakvin25@aol.com

Ronnie Cato Director of Orchestral Studies ronniecato40@gmail.com

Gofundme link: www.gofundme.com/y5w5wud8

2015-2016 Mt Eden High School Band and Orchestra Calendar

Flea Markets are every 4th Saturday of the month

November

Nov. 4 Panera Fundraiser from 4pm-8pm
Nov. 11 Panera Fundraiser from 4pm-8pm
Nov. 19 BJ's Fundraiser from 12pm-10pm
Nov. 13 Hayward Arts Council Fundraiser (Chamber Strings at City Council)

December

Dec. 5 Texas Roadhouse Night Dec. 8 First Presbyterian Church Concert Choir Dec. 16 First Presbyterian Church Band and Orchestra Winter Concert January Jan.18 MLK Performance Jan. 21 Super Bowl Performance Jan. 27 Mountain Mike's Fundraiser Jan.? Panda Express Fundraiser

February

Feb. 13 Taco Night Feb. 24 District Festival Feb. ? The Habit Fundraiser Feb. ? Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

March

Mar. 2 HUSD Area Festival Mar. 8-12 Music For All Festival in Indianapolis Mar. 18-24 Hawaii Mar. 26 Flea Market

April

Apr. 23 Flea Market

May

May 7 Jazz Concert/Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser May 18 Spring Concert May 21 Encinal Band Review May 28 Flea Market

June

June 6 Band Awards



Newest ethanol plant makes fuel from husks, not corn Donnelle Eller, Des Moines Register, USA Today, Oct 31, 2015

NEVADA, Iowa — DuPont (DD) opened what it calls the world's largest cellulosic ethanol plant, which uses corncobs, husks and stalks to produce what eventually will be 30 million gallons of ethanol annually.

lowa Gov. Terry Branstad; Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-lowa; Rep. Steve King, R-lowa, and other political leaders took turns Friday both touting DuPont's efforts to develop the nextgeneration low-carbon renewable fuel and bashing a federal proposal to reduce the amount of ethanol that must be blended in the nation's fuel supply.

"This facility is a gamechanger," Grassley said. "You have achieved what Congress had hoped. We envisioned new biofuels from new technologies that were cleaner, greener and more efficient. You achieved those goals."

Grassley promised ethanol supporters the federal government "won't pull the rug out from under you."

The federal Environmental Protection Agency is expected to finalize its reduced Renewable Fuel Standard levels next month.

King called the Renewable Fuel

Standard the "holy grail" and promised a "holy war" if congressional opponents seek to repeal the mandate.

"We haven't seen ... interest in the United States. It's been stalled."

William Feehery, DuPont Industrial Biosciences

DuPont leaders said the company plans to sell most of the green biofuel in California to help the state meet its lowcarbon fuel standard. Cellulosic ethanol is 90% cleaner than gasoline.

lowa is the nation's largest producer of ethanol, and it has become a hotbed for cellulosic ethanol development.

Last year, Poet opened a plant in Emmetsburg, Iowa, that also uses crop residue to make the cellulosic ethanol. And Quad County Corn Processors began using a different technology that teases out the corn fiber from corn-ethanol production to make cellulosic ethanol.

Ethanol supporters worry that government policy could undermine cellulosic development nationally.

"What we haven't seen is the interest in the United States. It's

been stalled. The uncertainty around the RFS (renewable fuel standards) has caused some pause," said William Feehery, president of DuPont Industrial Biosciences.

The company wants to replicate the Nevada biorefinery, which will employ 85 full time and about 150 seasonally, worldwide. It has licensed the technology in China and was hosting potential customers from across the globe at Friday's ceremony.

Executives expect to begin shipping the advanced biofuel next year. "We want societies everywhere to realize the economic, environmental and energy security benefits of advanced renewable fuel," Feehery said.

Brian Sampson, one of about 500 nearby lowa farmers who provides 375,000 tons of stover, the leaves and stalks of crops, for the \$225 million biofuel plant, said the project has renewed his belief that Americans can solve important world problems.

Sampson said he was originally resistant to the idea.

"What I thought was a risk I didn't need or want really was an opportunity," he said.

http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/nation-now/2015/10/31/largest-cellulosic-ethanol-plant/74908572/

BP-DuPont GMO fuel waiver can improve California AB 32 (Pavley) climate law performance.

DuPont Brings Biggest, Cheapest Cellulosic Ethanol Plant Online

By William Pentland / Forbes / October 31, 2015

DuPont, the chemicals company based in Wilmington, Del., has begun operations at one of the world's first commercial-scale advanced biorefineries in central lowa.

The \$225 million plant produces cellulosic ethanol from corn husks – the nonkernel parts of corn plants.

The cellulosic ethanol plant is designed to produce 30 million gallons of fuelgrade ethanol annually but is not expected to operate at full capacity until 2016. The core biofuels technology involved is a bacteria similar to what is used to distill tequila. DuPont has inked a deal to sell the cellulosic ethanol produced at the plant to Procter & Gamble, which plans to use it to make laundry detergent.

Cellulosic ethanol technology has struggled to overcome various technical challenges at the commercial scale. Last year, two commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol plants came online in the United States, including a \$275 million facility in Emmetsburg, lowa built as a joint venture between Sioux Falls-based Poet and Royal DSM, a Netherlands-based biotech company. The Poet-DSM plant can produce 20 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol annually. In addition, Abengoa, the Spanish energy company, completed a \$500 million facility in Hugoton, Kansas that will produce 25 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol annually.

Although DuPont's plant is simultaneously the biggest and cheapest of the three plants built, it has attracted its fair share of criticism.

Last year, Nelson Peltz, the founder of an alternative investment management fund based in New York called Trian Fund Management, <u>lambasted DuPont's</u> <u>investments in cellulosic ethanol</u> as "speculative and expensive corporate science projects" that have "destroyed shareholder value."

http://www.forbes.com/sites/williampentland/2015/10/31/dupont-brings-biggest-cheapest-cellulosic-ethanol-plant-online/

Mr. <u>William Pentland</u>, will you share more of the story, partnerships, funding, environmental issues, ... sounds like a BP pr piece to me. Is a Procter & Gamble Tide plant in California, Will Tide-ethanol increase ground ozone and ground water impact?

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DuPont opens \$225M plant to make ethanol from cornstalks, leaves and cobs instead of grain By David Pitt, A.P., U.S. News and World Report, Oct. 30, 2015

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — A refinery designed to make ethanol from cornstalks, leaves and cobs — not the grain itself — opened Friday in central Iowa, the culmination of a \$225 million construction project and millions more invested in its engineering and design.

The plant, owned by chemical and biotechnology company DuPont, will use the same bacteria that tequila distillers use to make ethanol instead of yeast, which is most prevalent in the ethanol industry. It's one of the new innovations DuPont said it has incorporated into the plant, touted as the world's largest cellulosic ethanol plant; DuPont expects it to eventually make 30 million gallons of the fuel additive a year.

"Our goal is to replicate this process in other rural communities in the U.S. and around the world so that societies everywhere can realize the economic, environmental and energy security benefits of advanced renewable fuel," said William Feehery, president of DuPont Industrial Biosciences, which runs the lowa plant.

The plant's ethanol also will go into Tide laundry detergent, replacing the corn-based ethanol long used to stabilize the detergent formula and enhance washing performance.

Refining ethanol from cornplant material, called stover, makes use of the waste left on fields after harvest and expands the potential production of ethanol without using more of the grain itself. But the plant also opens at a time when the ethanol industry is struggling to maintain its market as it battles with the petroleum industry to retain government support.

The U.S. has more than 200 biofuel plants, and most use the corn kernel to make ethanol. A few other cellulosic ethanol refineries have opened across the U.S., but those in Kansas and Mississippi have fallen short of expectations after dealing with production problems.

The DuPont plant will be in full production next year, said Jan Koninckx, DuPont's global business director for biorefineries, but was "careful not to predict exactly" how much it'll produce in 2016. DuPont is paying 500 lowa farmers for their stover, a new way for them to make money.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed lowering biofuel requirements set by Congress by 4 billion gallons this year and 5 billion gallons next year, noting the available fuel pumps and infrastructure limit how much ethanol can be distributed. It also said the biofuel industry hasn't produced as much ethanol as expected to increase the amount blended in the nation's supply as Congress initially envisioned.

Those same arguments are often used by the petroleum industry when it lobbies to place a limit on how much ethanol is blended with gasoline or repeal the renewable fuel standard.

Corn growers and other supporters of the higher biofuel standard say it's needed to force oil companies to improve infrastructure and deliver ethanol fuel blends above the current 10 percent mix.

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley and Rep. Steve King, both of Iowa, spoke at the DuPont refinery's opening. They said it may be a struggle to fight off efforts to repeal the renewable fuel standard (RFS).

"I worry about somebody sticking something in a bill that would repeal it," Grassley said. "We have enough people in the Senate I believe who understand the importance of the RFS and alternative energy," he said.

http://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2015/10/30/dupont-to-open-225m-cellulosic-ethanol-plant-in-iowa

GMO fuel waiver and elimination of E-85 flex fuel credit can improve California AB 32 Pavley climate law performance.

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DuPont opens commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol plant in Iowa By DuPont / Biomass Magazine / October 30, 2015

DuPont celebrated the opening of its cellulosic biofuel facility in Nevada, lowa, with a ceremony including lowa Gov. Terry Brandstad and many other dignitaries. This biorefinery is the world's largest cellulosic ethanol plant, with the capacity to produce 30 million gallons per year of clean fuel that offers a 90 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as compared to gasoline.

The raw material used to produce the ethanol is corn stover – the stalks, leaves and cobs left in a field after harvest. The facility will demonstrate at commercial scale that nonfood feedstocks from agriculture can be the renewable raw material to power the future energy demands of society. Cellulosic ethanol will further diversify the transportation fuel mix just as wind and solar are expanding the renewable options for power generation.

DuPont brings an unparalleled combination of science competencies and almost 90 years of agronomy expertise in lowa to develop both a pioneering clean fuel and biomass supply chain. Vital to the supply chain and the entire operation of the Nevada biorefinery are close to 500 local farmers, who will provide the annual 375,000 dry tons of stover needed to produce this cellulosic ethanol from within a 30-mile radius of the facility. In addition to providing a brand-new revenue stream for these growers, the plant will create 85 full-time jobs at the plant and more than 150 seasonal local iobs in lowa.

"lowa has a rich history of innovation in agriculture," said Gov. Branstad. "Today we celebrate the next chapter in that story, using agricultural residue as a feedstock for fuel, which brings both tremendous environmental benefits to society and economic benefits to the state. The opening of DuPont's biorefinery represents a great example of the innovation that is possible when rural communities, their government and private industry work together toward a common goal."

Biomass-based businesses can bring new sources of revenue and high-tech opportunities to rural economies around the world. As a global company with operations in more than 90 countries, DuPont is uniquely positioned to deploy its cellulosic technology for a global rollout, in transportation fuel and other industries.

"Today, we fulfill our promise to the global biofuels industry with the dedication of our lowa facility," said William F. Feehery, president of DuPont Industrial **Biosciences. "And perhaps more** significantly, we fulfill our promise to society to bring scientific innovation to the market that positively impacts people's lives. Cellulosic biofuel is joining ranks with wind and solar as true alternatives to fossil fuels, reducing damaging environmental impacts and increasing our energy security."

In Asia, DuPont recently announced its first licensing agreement with New Tianlong Industry to build China's largest cellulosic ethanol plant, and last fall a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was announced between DuPont, Ethanol Europe and the government of Macedonia to develop a second-generation biorefinery project. The company also is working in partnership with Procter & Gamble to use cellulosic ethanol in North American Tide® laundry detergents.

The majority of the fuel produced at the Nevada, Iowa, facility will be bound for California to fulfill the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard where the state has adopted a policy to reduce carbon intensity in transportation fuels. The plant also will serve as a commercial-scale demonstration of the cellulosic technology where investors from all over the world can see firsthand how to replicate this model in their home regions.

DuPont's achievement provides the technology that will transform the U.S. fuel supply enabling a transition to fulfill the original cellulosic ethanol volume targets as Congress intended when it passed the renewable fuel standard (RFS), a regulation established in 2005 to encourage growth and investment in sustainable fuel solutions. Earlier this month. **DuPont and America's Renewable Future released new** poll findings that suggested lowa caucus-goers from both parties -61 percent of Republicans and 76 percent of Democrats - would be more likely to vote for a presidential candidate who supports the Renewable Fuel Standard and renewable fuels

http://biomassmagazine.com/articles/12521/dupont-opens-commercial-scale-cellulosic-ethanol-plant-in-iowa

CAPP contact: Charlie Peters

DuPont to open \$225M cellulosic ethanol plant in Iowa

By Jake Carter / Rapid News Network / October 30, 2015

There's no doubt about it – this facility is a game changer.

Grassley promised ethanol supporters the federal government "won't pull the rug out from under you". America's Renewable Future criticized the comments, saying that ethanol is not subsidized but that oil has been for the last 102 years and continues to be.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed lowering biofuel requirements set by Congress by 4 billion gallons this year and 5 billion gallons next year, noting that available fuel pumps and infrastructure limit how much ethanol can be distributed. The US has more than 200 biofuel plants, and most use the corn kernel to make ethanol.

Carson used the ethanol issue to make a broader point about government subsides on Wednesday night.

"What we haven't seen is the interest in the United States. It's been stalled. The uncertainty around the RFS has caused a few pause", said William Feehery, president of DuPont Industrial **Biosciences.**

"There's concern about these investments". Vital to the supply chain and the entire operation of the Nevada biorefinery are close to 500 local farmers, who will provide the annual 375,000 dry tons of stover needed to produce this cellulosic ethanol from within a 30-mile radius of the facility.

"What I thought was a risk I didn't need or want really was an opportunity", he said. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa today joined the grand opening of the DuPont Cellulosic Ethanol Facility in Nevada.

Ethanol policy is a key issue for many voters in lowa, which leads the nation in corn ethanol production.

Breen said Tuesday that "everyone is talking to everyone".

"We've invested hundreds of millions of dollars in this plant and generally, in the technology and in the demonstration of that technology leading up to the plant", Koninckx says.

Branstad blamed EPA for creating uncertainty around the demand for ethanol, and undermining market prices for corn, the primary ingredient in making the renewable fuel until recently. So, thank you for your hard and innovative work

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http://rapidnewsnetwork.com/dupont-to-open-225m-cllulosic-ethanol-plant-in-iowa/259936/

BP-DuPont GMO ethanol waiver and elimination of E-85 flex fuel credit can cut CA-AB 32 (Pavley) ozone, NOx & CO2 pollution.

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Democrat Loretta Sanchez may need an assist from GOP voters in Senate race By Phil Willon / Los Angeles Times / Friday, October 30, 2015

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, the Democrat famous for bumping ultra-conservative GOP Rep. Robert "B-1 Bob" Dornan from office in Orange County two decades ago, may need a little Republican love next year.

That's among the challenges Sanchez faces in her bid for the U.S. Senate against main Democratic rival Kamala Harris, California's attorney general, and a field of less-known Republicans and other candidates.

To survive the state's top-two primary election in June, Sanchez needs two of her biggest bases of political support, Southern Californians and Latinos, to defy their historically lackluster turnout at the polls, analysts say. Support from California's growing group of independents and moderates — Republican moderates, in particular — may also be essential.

Republican consultant Mike Madrid said that's because Latinos running statewide have traditionally had difficulty attracting broad support from "white, old, rich Bernie Sanders progressives" living along California's coast, where much of the population is.

"For the past 20 years, she, along with other Latino politicians, have been beating on Republicans like a piñata. Now she needs their votes," Madrid said. "It will be fascinating to watch."

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Crafting a campaign that appeals to this patchwork of voters, many with divergent views on taxes, immigration and other divisive issues, could be difficult. But Madrid said Latinos and moderate Republicans do align on certain issues: creating jobs, strengthening the middle class and improving schools with such actions as weeding out bad teachers and embracing charters.

"That's a winning combination for Latino candidates statewide," Madrid said.

Only the top two finishers in the primary, regardless of party, will advance to the November general election. Harris remains the presumptive front-runner, leading Sanchez by double digits in recent opinion polls.

Harris also has raised more money and won the adulation of establishment Democrats. In addition, she hails from the Bay Area, envied for its high voter turnout. California's two senators, governor and five of the seven other statewide officeholders have roots in that solidly Democratic slice of Northern California.

"With traditional voters, the advantage is for Harris," said UCLA political scientist Matt A. Barreto, a co-founder of the research and polling firm Latino Decisions.

A wild card that could aid Sanchez will be the presidential primary, Barreto said.

Even if the Republican and Democratic nominees are already decided before California votes in June, Donald Trump's name will be on the ballot. His fiery rhetoric against immigrants in the country illegally could drive more Latinos to the polls to cast ballots against Republicans, Barreto said.

Sanchez could tell voters, "You need to send me to the U.S. Senate to fight for immigrant rights," Barreto said.

"You don't see people go take to the street on any other issue," he added, referring to the 500,000 who marched for immigrant rights in Los Angeles in 2006.

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton, who received widespread support among Latino voters in her 2008 campaign, could also push Latino turnout upward in June. In a Field Poll of likely voters released in early October, 52% of Latino Democrats said they supported Clinton's bid for president; compared with 43% of white Democrats who favored her.

Earlier this year, before Sanchez joined the race, some influential members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus expressed dismay that many Democratic leaders in the state had been quick to support Harris. Sanchez has since been endorsed by many members of that caucus, as well as by Democratic Reps. Tony Cárdenas and Lucille Roybal-Allard of Los Angeles, Norma Torres of Pomona, Juan Vargas of San Diego and Raul Ruiz of Palm Desert.

Harris cedes nothing to Sanchez, however. On Monday, Harris was endorsed in Los Angeles by the Spanish-language newspaper La Opinión, and her campaign touts endorsements by Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, San Francisco City Atty. Dennis Herrera and former state lawmaker and state Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres.

Harris has staunchly defended "sanctuary cities," some of which limit local law enforcement's cooperation with U.S. immigration officials. And as attorney general she has pushed to provide strong legal defense for unaccompanied children emigrating from Central America.

"I've run statewide twice," Harris said last weekend while campaigning in Escondido, "and my experience is the issues that people care about ... cross ideological lines."

In both of her races for attorney general, Harris dominated the Bay Area and voter-rich, heavily Democratic Los Angeles County. But she lost in Orange, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Bill Carrick, a strategist for Sanchez, said opinion polls show that neither woman is well known statewide, making the campaign challenging for both.

California's top-two primary system adds to the unpredictability. Although the election is still more than eight months away, Republicans have yet to coalesce behind one GOP candidate; Republican votes could splinter enough for Democrats to capture the gold and the silver in June.

According to the Field Poll, Harris led with 30% support, and Sanchez was second with 17%.

Among Republicans, Oceanside Assemblyman Rocky Chavez was the front-runner at 9%. Contra Costa County attorney Tom Del Beccaro had 6% support and Silicon Valley attorney George "Duf" Sundheim, 3%. Both Del Beccaro and Sundheim are former chairmen of the California Republican Party.

Carrick said some moderate Republicans may believe that none of the GOP candidates has a realistic shot at victory in this heavily Democratic state and could opt for the Democrat whose politics most align with theirs. Sanchez's record on national defense — she sits on the House Committee on Homeland Security and the House Armed Services Committee — may make her the most appealing alternative, he said.

"Republican voters may ask themselves, 'Should I waste my vote on someone who doesn't have a chance?" Carrick said.

Dornan laughed off that possibility.

"Republican primary voters are more knowledgeable" than those in general elections, he said. "... She doesn't stand a chance with them."

But Dornan, who now lives in Virginia and occasionally hosts talk radio programs and whose disdain for Sanchez remains palpable, noted that elections are difficult to predict this far ahead.

"I don't expect her to make a credible run," Dornan said. "Having said that, it's a crazy world. Four words: Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders."

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http://www.latimes.com/local/politics/la-me-pol-ca-sanchez-senate-20151030-story.html

BP-DuPont-Shell GMO butanol patent and mandate vs. Chevron-Exxon-Valero fuel ethanol waiver

* Do you want clean air and water?

EPA ethanol waiver and elimination of E-85 flex fuel credit can cut our ozone, pm & CO2 transportation pollution.

Let's improve performance of CA Climate change law, AB 32 (Pavley), in 2016 for future generations

VW excess emissions linked to 60 US deaths: Study

By Phillip Tutt / CNBC / October 29, 2015

Volkswagen's rigging of its diesel cars to cheat on emissions tests could cause around 60 deaths in the US by the end of next year, according to research by scientists at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

By installing sophisticated software known as "defeat devices" in its diesel vehicles, Volkswagen's cars have emitted 40 times the amount of noxious nitrogen oxide (NOx) than the limit proscribed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the report published Thursday said.

"We all have risk factors in our lives, and [excess emissions] is another small risk factor," said Steven Barrett of MIT, one of the authors of the report, in a statement. "If you take into account the additional risk due to the excess Volkswagen emissions, then roughly 60 people have died or will die early, and on average, a decade or more early."

The healthcare sector will also be impacted, according to the study, with "approximately 31 cases of chronic bronchitis, 34 hospital admissions, 120,000 minor restricted activity days, 21,000 lower respiratory symptom days, and 33,000 days of increased bronchodilator usage".

The study also estimated that the cost of these deaths to the economy was about \$450 million, an amount that would increase to \$910 million if there was no recall of the offending vehicles.

VW's US division had not responded to requests for comment at the time of publication.

The German automaker was forced to take its first quarterly loss in 15 year, some 3.5 billion euros (\$3.84 billion), as it anticipated hefty payouts to consumers around the world over the deceptive data, as well as the potential recall of 11 million cars. The third-quarter results, released Wednesday, factored in a 6.7 billion-euro writedown related to the scandal.

Also Wednesday VW's new chief executive, Herbert Diess, apologized at the Tokyo Auto Show for the cheating scandal, promising to win back customer trust.

"On behalf of my entire company, I'd like to apologize," said Diess, a recent hire from BMW. "We are doing everything we can to bring back this trust in our brand."

http://www.cnbc.com/2015/10/29/vw-excess-emissions-linked-to-60-us-deaths-study.html

A letter to the Honorable California Governor Jerry Brown RE: VW Smog Check Game shared with "interested parties" dated October 1, 2015 has generated no interest in improving our regulatory performance. We stand confused. Is the California Air Resources Board VW regulator John Urkov and his manager and reported wife Jacline Lourenco just to busy?

DuPont Ready to Play Part in Reshaping Global Seeds Industry By Bloomberg / agweb / October 28, 2015

Less than two weeks after taking over as interim head of DuPont Co., Ed Breen is ready to play his part in reshaping the global market for seeds and crop chemicals.

Breen said Tuesday he's in discussions about potential deals involving his company's agriculture business, which had \$11.3 billion of revenue last year. Industry consolidation should happen, he told analysts and investors on a conference call.

The comments echo those of Andrew Liveris, the CEO at Dow Chemical Co., who said last week he's weighing options for his company's agriculture business, and that "everyone is talking with everyone." The rush of negotiations come in the wake of a drop in commodity prices that has forced companies to rethink their structure and leadership.

Monsanto Co., the world's biggest seed company, said this month it's searching for an acquisition, despite withdrawing its \$47 billion offer to buy pesticide maker Syngenta AG in August. That doomed takeover was the trigger for the current round of high-level talks between major industry players, according to Liveris.

Depressed Prices

The number of large companies producing seeds and pesticides may drop to four by 2020 from six now, said Jonas Oxgaard, a New York-based analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. "There will be two players with scale in seeds and crop protection and two players stuck on the sidelines," he said by phone. "When the music stops, you want to have a chair."

Interest in acquisitions has also been driven in part by depressed commodity prices that have stalled growth in what had previously been a robust sector, said Kelly Wiesbrock, a San Francisco-based portfolio manager at Harvest Capital Strategies. Companies with stronger balance sheets and access to low-cost debt will try to buy growth while weaker competitors faced with a prolonged down cycle may exit the industry, he said.

"Once it starts happening, the stronger players emerge, and if you're not going to be a stronger player, you are going to be at a disadvantage," Wiesbrock said by phone Tuesday. "Standing still is not an option."

Consolidation 'Inevitable'

The number of pending, completed or proposed agriculture- chemical deals is already heading for the highest in at least 12 years, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The list excludes Monsanto's rejected offer for Syngenta, which would have been the industry's largest takeover. Among the deals in 2015 that are still going ahead is U.S. fertilizer maker CF Industries Holdings Inc.'s \$5.4 billion purchase of assets from Dutch competitor OCI NV.

Monsanto CEO Hugh Grant said earlier this month he's still searching for deals because consolidation is "inevitable." Syngenta, despite rejecting Monsanto's advances, may yet participate in the dealmaking after the resignation last week of its CEO, according to Oxgaard.

'Deep Dive'

The departure of DuPont CEO Ellen Kullman this month may clear the way for a separation of its agriculture business, the world's-second biggest seed supplier, according to analysts including David Begleiter at Deutsche Bank AG. On Tuesday the unit posted a third-quarter operating loss of \$210 million. DuPont said the segment will also lose money this guarter, the first time that's happened in the period in three years, because of the dollar's strength and lower pesticide demand in Brazil.

Despite the speculation, there's no certainty any large deal will happen soon. Liveris told analysts last week on a conference call that nothing is imminent for Dow. Breen, a former CEO of Tyco International Ltd., said that any deal for **DuPont's agriculture unit must** create long-term value for shareholders, not "some overnight pop." He's also conducting what he described as a "deep dive" at DuPont to boost shareholder value, looking for further operational cost cuts. DuPont's capital expenditure, he said, has been too high.

http://www.agweb.com/article/dupont-ready-to-play-part-in-reshaping-global-seeds-industry-blmg/

Oil lobby launches new campaign against ethanol mandate

By Devin Henry / The Hill / October 28, 2015

The top oil and gas lobby group is launching a new advertising campaign against the federal ethanol mandate.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) will run a "multifaceted advocacy campaign" against the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for the next month ahead of a deadline for the Obama administration to finalize three years of standards under the mandate.

Bob Greco, the group director of API's downstream and industry operations, said Wednesday that the campaign would include television, radio and online ads, focused on "the negative consequences higher ethanol mandates could have on consumers." The campaign will be targeted at the Washington, D.C. market.

API's campaign comes as the public fight over the fuel standard heats up. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed new ethanol blending requirements for three years in May, and the agency is required to finalize those targets by the end of November.

Oil groups say the federal government is already requiring refiners to blend as much ethanol as possible into their gasoline and they are resisting the EPA's proposed targets.

Ethanol supporters, however, say the agency should set an even higher goal for refiners. A group of senators met with Obama officials earlier this month to take their case directly to the White House.

API's ads call the RFS "Washington red tape" and blame it for raising fuel prices and hurting the environment.

"Ultimately Congress has the responsibility to repeal or significantly reform this outdated and potentially dangerous program," Greco said Wednesday.

But because congressional action isn't likely any time soon, he said API's ad campaign will "focus on the administration, on the president, because that's where the review will be happening."

http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/258365-oil-lobby-launches-new-campaign-against-ethanol-mandate

Ethanol waiver and elimination of E-85 flex fuel credit can improve California AB 32 Pavley climate law performance in 2016

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A CA random Smog Check "secret shopper" audit, GMO fuel waiver & elimination of duel fuel CAFÉ credit can improve AB 32 mobil fleet toxic ozone, CO2 and NOx performance

Free smog-testing Saturday for vehicles in Fresno Clean-air agencies team up to host event at Fresno Fairgrounds *The Fresno Bee / Google / October 28, 2015*



(Dr) Doug Lawson talks with a motorist who is behind of a smoking vehicle as he helps out during a 2007 free smog check similar to one planned for this Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Fresno Fairgrounds. MARK CROSSE Fresno Bee Staff Photo

Valley residents can get their cars smog-tested at no charge this Saturday in a clean-air event at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

The Tune In & Tune Up testing offered by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Valley CAN (Clean Air Now) will be from 8 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds, 1121 S. Chance Ave. in southeast Fresno. To qualify, drivers need to have owned their cars for at least six months. If the vehicle doesn't pass the test, the owner will get a voucher for smog repairs at a qualifying smog service shop. Drivers are encouraged to arrive early because of limited vehicle capacity, and testing will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Local community groups will have information booths at the event, and free food and drinks will be provided starting at 9 a.m. while supplies last.

Details: 800-806-2004 or email TITUevent@valley-can.org.

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=smog+check&tbm=nws

Does California Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) issue citations with \$1000.00 fine for testing cars on the wrong platform with un-licensed test operators?

Is it time for an Attorney General, EPA conversation?

Big Oil Rolls Out Al Gore to Torpedo Ethanol

To persuade President Obama to abandon ethanol, the oil industry and its allies will try a new television advertising pitch, starting today: Ethanol is worse for the climate than gasoline.

By Mark Drajem | Bloomberg | October 16, 2015

Climate change has a new evangelist: Big oil.

In its bid to roll back government mandates for the use of biofuels, petroleum producers have run out a series of arguments: It harms engines; it raises food costs; it's bad for boats; and the mandate is government interference in the economy.

To persuade President Barack Obama to abandon ethanol, the oil industry and its allies will try a new television advertising pitch, starting today: Ethanol is worse for the climate than gasoline.

"Mandating corn for ethanol doubles greenhouse-gas emissions compared to gasoline over 30 years," according to a new television advertisement sponsored by an odd-bedfellows group of refiners, environmentalists and chain-restaurant owners. "Mounting scientific evidence has revealed the inconvenient truth: Increasing ethanol mandates can actually make things worse."

If a glancing mention of his controversial film, An Inconvenient Truth, was too subtle, a quote from former Vice President Al Gore (a 2007 Nobel Laureate for his work to stop climate change) then pops onto the screen: "First-generation ethanol was a mistake." The alliance behind the ad, Smarter Fuel Future Coalition, is investing to influence inside-the-Beltway players. **Records on file with the Federal Communications Commission show** that the group has plunked down more than \$500,000 to purchase some 300 spots on Washington, D.C. television stations over the next two months. The group is spending big to advertise against news programming, including \$25.000 for commercials during the Nov. 14 Democratic debate. Ethanol is a potent issue in presidential campaigns because of its importance to the economy of lowa, the state where the first votes of the presidential race will be cast next year.

Obama's Environmental Protection Agency faces a deadline of the end of November to set ethanol mandates through the end of next year. That deadline comes just as his administration will be gearing up to try to pull together a landmark global climate at United Nations talks in Paris.

"This is a response to a growing chorus reminding President Obama that his position on the Renewable Fuel Standard is inconsistent with his positioning going into the Paris climate talks," said Brooke Coleman, the executive director of the Advanced Biofuels Business Council, which represents biofuel makers. "It's a recognition of what the president cares about most. And the argument is patently absurd."

Let's first get one part of this fight out of the way: Does corn ethanol result in higher carbon emissions? Well, that depends on how you measure it. EPA determined that ethanol produced at newer plants, using natural gas or biogas, would meet a legal standard and have emissions 20 percent lower than gasoline. And Argonne National Laboratory, an independent government-sponsored lab, concluded: "The preponderance of the recent studies, show that ethanol has a positive net fossil energy value." (That means it has lower emissions.) And the goal of the renewable fuel standard is to transition from corn to waste from crops or used oils that would bring about steeper emission cuts.

"The overall result is that biofuels are getting cleaner over time, and most biofuels are cleaner than gasoline," Jeremy Martin, a senior scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, wrote in a blog early this year.

So, end of story, right? Well, uhh, no. Once you take into account the fact that the ethanol mandate means more demand for corn and more demand for corn means more land is farmed, then corn ethanol results in greater carbon emissions, according to Emily Cassidy of the Environmental Working Group. "You have a big upfront climate cost from growing more corn and soy," Cassidy said. And even the EPA's results show ethanol results in greater emissions through 2036, she said. EPA's independent inspector general announced today that it would review how EPA calculates the lifecycle emissions of renewable fuels.

That all leaves a muddled picture, with research findings on both sides -- but funded by the groups trying to get that result. What's striking about this Smarter Fuels advertisement is that climate pitch is coming from the oil industry, which lobbied against the capand-trade bill and opposes Obama's EPA regulations to cut carbon and methane emissions.

"No beach has ever been closed due to an ethanol spill," said Tom Buis, the head of the ethanol lobbying group Growth Energy. "When it comes to environmental benefits, can anyone seriously believe that oil is better than biodegradable ethanol that burns cleaner, is renewable, and improves air quality." Buis bundled \$35,250 for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in the quarter than ended Sept. 30, papers on file with the Federal Election Commission show. In an op-ed in an lowa newspaper earlier this year, Clinton backed the ethanol mandate.

http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-10-16/big-oil-rolls-out-al-gore-to-torpedo-ethanol

A CA random Smog Check "secret shopper" audit, ethanol waiver & elimination of duel fuel CAFÉ credit can cut mobil fleet toxic ozone and NOx impact in 2016

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October 1, 2015

RE: VW Smog Check game

Honorable Governor Jerry Brown.

In a 1991 visit to Washington DC Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) upper management, EPA ask for an opinion of Smog Check test performance, can the IM 240 generate desired results?

The opinion provided was NO, even Federal Test Procedure (FTP) could not, NOT, control cheating results.

EPA was provided the opinion that the ethics of regulator and regulated with a proper audit system could perform superior to the modeled technology only results.

So what does it take to consider a Total Quality Management (TQM) E. Edwards Deming audit pilot study concept demonstration?

A California meeting in 1993 resulted in an "agreement" to start a pilot study to demonstrate proof of concept within 45 days.

Is it time to consider adding Little Hoover Commission to the game?

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People matter.

Respectfully, CAPP an award winning coalition of motorists

Charlie Peters

cc: interested parties

Global Warning will get us

By Joan Baez / Music-News.com Newsdesk / August 16, 2015

Music legend Joan Baez says the Trumpification of the United States is like the fall of the Roman Empire and that conservatives like Tony Abbott surely cannot believe their own words.

When asked if the young Joan Baez could have ever foreseen American taking someone like like Donald Trump seriously Joan told Noise11.com, 'My mum tells me, because I don't remember, when I was about 14 I'd been reading 'The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire' and I came out to where she was ironing and she said that I said that I said that I said 'the same thing is going to happen to the United States what happened in the Roman Empire'. Now I don't know whether to gloat or mourn. I thing we have long since began crumbling. Not to mention the global refusal to deal with Global Warning which will probably get us all anyway'.

About Australia's extreme right-wing Prime Minster Tony Abbott, who is on record as saying 'Climate change is crap' Joan commented, 'He is like whoever our Republican was who through a snowball across the room in Congress and said 'you call this Global Warming'. I don't know what it is. I don't know if they really believe things that we think are crazy. I know a lot of Conservatives are in this terrible struggle with themselves because they know they will loose their votes if they say they think Global Warming is real. They are still at that level. It is hard to imagine they are serious and that there isn't some ridiculous scam behind what they are saying.'

http://www.music-news.com/ShowNews.asp?nltemID=91575&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter#comments

* Do you want \$2 Gasoline at the pump? * Do you want clean air and water?

GMO-Ethanol waiver and elimination of E-85 flex fuel credit can cut our ozone & CO2 transportation pollution over 50%

Let's improve performance of CA Climate change law AB 32 (Pavley) in 2015 for future generations

Bureau Of Automotive Repair Conducts Emissions Checkpoint In Newhall BY Allison Pari, Santa Clarita News, October 3, 2013

Bureau of Automotive Repair employees and California Highway Patrol officers conducted an emissions checkpoint in Newhall Thursday morning, on Orchard Village Road between 16th Street and Dalbey Drive.

These voluntary checkpoints are conducted periodically by the BAR throughout the state.

"They are designed to see what emissions look like in the real world, as opposed what we think they should look like," said Russ Heimerich, spokesman for the state Department of Consumer Affairs, of which the BAR is a part.

While the checkpoint does test emissions, Heimerich said that it is not a smog test in the sense that the vehicle either passes or fails, and it is not punitive.

The purpose is simply to gather information, so that government officials can determine why real world smog checks and repairs don't reduce emissions as much as expected based the number and type smog checks required by the state Department of Motor Vehicles for registration. "The smog check program lags behind in the results that we would expect," Heimerich said.

Heimerich noted that this could be because some smog check stations are not addressing long-term repairs that need to be made to reduce a vehicle's emissions.

"Smog check stations are doing only what they need to get the vehicle to pass at that time," he said.

The emissions checkpoint is completely voluntary, and even if a motorist gets pulled over to have their vehicle tested, they can still opt out.

Also, if Bureau employees determine that a vehicle would not pass a smog test, the motorist will not be fined.

Heimerich said that they are "just getting numbers."

The BAR does not publish the times and locations of their emissions checkpoints, in an attempt to keep the sample size random.

Do you have a news tip? Call us at (661) 298-1220, or drop us a line at community@hometownstation.com.

http://hometownstation.com/santa-clarita-news/bureau-automotive-repair-conducts-emissions-checkpoint-newhall-38153

Denise D. Brown Department of Consumer Affairs, Bareau of Automotive Repairs (DCA-BAR) Director

The DCA-BAR does not seem to care if any Smog Check faults get fixed.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) collects \$billions using "Wallet Flushing" car tax for BIG oil, BIG banks & Government motors welfare

Free smog screenings return to Lemoore

Hanford Sentinel, Oct 2, 2013 10:02 PM

LEMOORE — The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Valley Clean Air Now will host a "Tune In & Tune Up" car cleanup on Saturday.

The event will provide free car emissions screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at West Hills College Lemoore parking lot A. To qualify, you must be a Valley resident and have owned your car for at least six months. The first 525 vehicles that don't pass the emissions test and are found to be repairable will receive a \$500 voucher for a participating STAR smog check station.

Free food and drinks will be available while supplies last.

For more information, email info@valley-can.org or call 1-800-806-2004. ...

http://www.hanfordsentinel.com/features/community/around-town-free-smog-screenings-return-to-lemoore/article eb13befe-2bbe-11e3-9a4d-0019bb2963f4.html

Our proposal: To achieve the goal of consumer protection and quality assurance, the department is directed to adopt in-field audits using known vehicle defects. The in-field audits will be used to determine if a technician does actually detect, diagnose and repair the designated audit vehicle defect.

As there are no clear standards to see that emissions defects are being corrected, these audits are to be conducted without notification being provided to ensure accurate assessment. The improved methods generated by the audits will provide continuous improvements in the quality of vehicle repairs actually occurring.

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From: "Woonacott, Richard@SCSA" <Richard.Woonacott@SC... To: "cappcharlie@earthlink.net" <cappcharlie@earthlink.net> Subject: Nissan PZEV Warranty Date: Feb 6, 2013 4:40 PM

Good afternoon Charlie: It was good to talk with you yesterday. I wanted to let you know that the issue is resolved, but that another meeting is scheduled tomorrow to discuss the diagnostic charges that consumers paid that should have been included as part of the warranty repair, and a discussion about California warranty in general. Please let me know if you need additional assistance. Regards, Richard

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"Because your own strength is unequal to the task, do not assume that it is beyond the powers of humankind; but if anything is within the powers and province of humankind, believe that it is within your own compass also."

~ Adapted from Marcus Aurelius

Undersecretary Willie Armstrong



Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Dr. Willie J. Armstrong is the Undersecretary for the State and Consumer Services Agency. He serves as principal advisor to the Secretary on major policy, program, legislation and fiscal matters. Additionally, he is responsible for all functions in the Office of the Secretary and discharges all statutory functions of the Secretary to the departments of the Agency.

Dr. Armstrong has provided 18 years of public service to his country and to the State of California. He served a decade in the United States Air Force. As a Transportation Specialist, he was stationed at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam for one year and nine years at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. During his tenure, he worked with Army and Air Force agencies to ensure strict adherence with Department of Defense (DoD) fraud, waste, and abuse guidelines. Moreover, he served on the Ramstein Air Force Base Advisory Council to provide information to agencies regarding current initiatives, programs, and quality of life improvements for DoD personnel.

Dr. Armstrong has advised members of the California State Assembly for eight years. As Chiefof-Staff, he discussed the impact of state budget and legislative proposals that affect the ability of local and state agencies to deliver services to the people of California.

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He earned his bachelor's degree in Management Studies and Master's degree in Public Administration from the University System of Maryland-European Division. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy (Ed.D.) from California State University-Sacramento.

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Hayward, California 9454 June 20, 201

Dear Dr. Armstrong, Dep. Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency 915 Capitol Mall, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-3815 fax

Good morning Dr.

RE: PZEV emissions performance.

California has the best car emissions system but we need support to improve.

Will you consider a letter in support of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) efforts to improve compliance with the California Partial Zeroemissions (PZEV) standards.

Improved toxic impact from the car fleet will provide better health and economic performance for California.

(CAPP/ / An award winning coalition of motorists)

Charlie Peters

cc: interested parties

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* * Alex Farrell, Gray Davis & Gary Condit interest in fuel oxygenates seemed interesting

* * California CalEPA Secretary, signed a MOU with the UN on earth day.

** We pay the (ethanol or) carbon tax and Pew Business Environmental Leadership Council (BELC) Member Companies: ABB, Air Products, Alcoa Inc., American Electric Power, Bank of America, BASF, Baxter International Inc., The Boeing Company, BP, California Portland Cement, CH2M HILL, Citi, Cummins Inc., Deere & Company, Deutsche Telekom, The Dow Chemical Company, DTE Energy, Duke Energy, DuPont, Entergy, Exelon, GE, Hewlett-Packard Company, Holcim (US) Inc., IBM, Intel, Interface Inc., Johnson Controls, Inc., Lockheed Martin, Marsh, Inc., Novartis, Ontario Power Generation, PG&E Corporation, PNM Resources, Rio Tinto, Rohm and Haas, Royal Dutch/Shell, SC Johnson, Toyota, TransAlta, United Technologies, Weyerhaeuser, Whirlpool Corporation, Wisconsin Energy Corporation and friends may all share in the public/private partnership of corporate and NGO welfare

Get food out of my gas

* * Was Dr. Russell Long/REAP/Pavley 2002 CA tailpipe bill for corn fuel ethanol, Bill Jones Pacific Ethanol business?

* * Clean Air Performance Professionals (CAPP) supports a Smog Check inspection & repair secret shopper audit, gasoline ethanol fuel waiver and elimination of dual fuel CAFE credit to cut car impact in 1 year.

* * Some folks believe ethanol mandate waiver will improve AB 32 Pavley performance

* * California grown GMO corn fuel ethanol uses lots of water

* * A Smog Check audit would cut toxic car impact in in 1 year. CA/DCA/BAR, can improve Smog Check performance.

* * An ethanol waiver would reduce California "Wallet flushing" car tax.

* * About 60,000 barrels per day of the oil used by cars is allowed by the "renewable fuel" CAFE credit

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