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From Voegeli, Doug Date Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:45 AM

To Grande, Joseph

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Joe,

Could you review my response for accuracy? I am not sure about the "review results" line of this resolution. I do not want this taskforce as it appears to me that we are already doing everything asked in this resolution and it sends a message that we (PHMDC) are concerned about the health impact of these contaminants, and we are not. We also do have \$15,000 to throw around.

After you take a look at this, I will send to the whole group on the email. Thank you.

Doug

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To Crawley, Katie

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Katie,

I have shared this with Joe, but not the whole group. For the reasons explained on the attachment, I do not feel that this is needed, and we do not have the money. I would like to push back on this request, but want to discuss with you prior to sending a message to all concerned and insure that the Mayor is onboard. Thank you

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