


MEMORANDUM

March 16, 1982

TO: Jim Jackson, William Powell

FROM: Lloyd Connelly 

SUBJECT: Toxic Disclosure Legislation

Recently I was involved in a conference regarding toxic substances. Attached for your information is a pamphlet prepared for this conference entitled Community Right-To-Know.

As a result of attending this conference, reading background information and talking to experts in the field I am convinced that there is a strong argument to require disclosure of certain types of toxic substances in excess of fifty-five gallons which are kept on commercial sites. Although there are a number of arguments that support such a law - the primary one is the risk that firefighters encounter when they go to a burning structure without knowledge as to its potential dangerous contents.

The Vallejo toxic disclosure law is included in the background information I forward - and strikes me as a straight forward and reasonable sample ordinance.

I would like to request that the City Attorney's Office and the Fire Chief's Office sit down explore this issue and bring an appropriate draft ordinance back to Planning and Community Development Committee of the City Council for consideration.

The last time I asked the City Attorney's Office and the City Fire Department to prepare an ordinance in regards to a law requiring smoke detectors for certain types of multi-family structures, it took exactly two years and eleven months to get the law drafted and brought to the full City Council. I hope that the timeframe for this ordinance will be substantially shorter as I would like to have the opportunity to consider this matter before my term expires in December of 1983 - or in the alternative if I am elected to higher office at the end of the calendar year.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

cc: City Council
Katie Easterwood
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