

Attachment 4

From:
Sent: monday, June 05, 2006 5:24 PM
To: 'Fred Keeley'
Subject: FW: revised letter re: TFTF member attendance

Dear Task Force Members,

On Thursday, June 1st, I attended a public meeting of the RTC at which Fred Keeley spoke to the commission about the progress of the Transportation Funding Task Force meetings. In response to a question posed by Commissioner Spence, Mr. Keeley reported that 25% of Task Force members had not attended a single meeting.

As someone who is greatly interested in transportation issues and who will have attended two of these meetings (Live Oak and Santa Cruz), I am concerned that there may be individuals--presumably selected/invited to be on the Task Force because they wished to participate in this process--who have not attending at least one community meeting.

Given that Task Force members will ultimately have a greater say and a vote on the plan when it is presented, I urge those who have been absent to step down from the responsibility that has been entrusted to them. It makes no sense that a Task Force member who has been disengaged from a process that was intended to build dialogue, community trust, and goodwill should be granted a more significant role than someone who has attended two, three, or more of these meetings.

For those absent members unwilling to take such a step on their own, I hope that the Task Force will, as a group, ask for the resignation of members who, after June 7th, still have not attended any of the 6 community meetings. This is much too important an issue to leave in the hands of those who, for whatever reasons, have not participated in a format that was devised to constructively address one of the most important and divisive problems in our county.

Sincerely,

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