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Charice Duckworth
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RE: Letter of Commitment for
EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant

Dear Ms. Duckworth:

Contra Costa County will be an active member of a "brownfields assessment coalition" being organized by the City of Richmond (City) for sites in the Iron Triangle and North Richmond focus areas. This letter documents our strong support for the application being submitted by the City for a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Fiscal Year 2021 Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant in the amount of \$600,000, to be used for conducting inventories, performing outreach, completing Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and performing remedial and reuse planning for priority brownfield sites located within these neighborhoods and in unincorporated portions of Contra Costa County.

The grant, if awarded, will provide an exceptional opportunity to further leverage the positive impacts resulting from the City's FY 2016 EPA assessment grant. If EPA funding is awarded, at least one public health staff member will serve on a Brownfields Advisory Committee that will help administer the grant, coordinate outreach efforts, participate in the identification of sites and their prioritization, and make decisions regarding allocation of funding to individual sites. We will assist with securing access and coordinating involvement for priority sites within our jurisdictional area, which we own, or where we can provide relevant assistance.

We understand that the City will serve as the lead member of the Coalition and will have primary responsibility for administering the grant and managing the project. We further understand that prior to expenditure of any grant funds, a Memorandum of Agreement will be executed between all coalition members documenting the coalition's site selection

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process, identifying, and establishing relationships necessary to achieve project goals, detailing the process for successful execution of the grant, the distribution of funds, and mechanisms for implementing the assessment work. We understand that many of these details are described in the grant application to be submitted with this letter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Laws at (925) 957-2456 or Karen.laws@pw.cccounty.us.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Balbas
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