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Dear Chair Bennett and Boardmembers:

I strongly support the proposed ordinance that is before you this morning, and commend Supervisor Parks for bringing this issue forward.

Cleanup of this site has been a long and frustrating process. Senator Kuehl was tireless in her many efforts in the legislature to get a bill signed into law over massive opposition by the Boeing Company, possibly the largest corporation in the world, joined by NASA and the Department of Energy in their combined resistance to cleaning up the mess they left behind.

I was proud to be principal co-author of SB990 in 2007. Seeing the Governor sign that bill into law was cause for celebration, but the fight was far from over. The Responsible Parties continue to resist, evade, and circumvent compliance through every means they can devise. In the mid-1990s, the SSFL operators even pled guilty to felony environmental crimes based on illegal disposal of hazardous wastes that resulted in the deaths of two workers.

Now, Boeing appears to be attempting to remove a significant quantity of contaminated soil and to be excused from discretionary review and the scrutiny that comes with that important process.

I urge your support for allowing the County to exercise its rights of due diligence that is so essential, given the very troubled history of this site. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JULIA BROWNLEY
Assemblywoman, 41st District

Presented to the Board
Re: Agenda of 8/04/09
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