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Dear City Council Members and City Administrator,

The No Coal in Oakland campaign sent the attached letter and memo to Mayor Schaaf to explain why it is unnecessary to spend $253,000 to retain an environmental consulting firm to analyze evidence submitted for the September 21, 2015 Public Hearing.

The letter is our explanation of the test that courts will use to determine if substantial evidence exists to ban coal storage and export in our city.

The memo is Dr. Heather Kuiper’s memorandum which shows affirmatively that substantial evidence of health and safety risks is already in the public record. Dr. Kuiper did a quantitative
and qualitative review of over 2500 pages of evidence submitted to the city at the September Public Hearing to reach her conclusion.

If the city council concludes that additional review of the evidence is needed other than by its City Attorney, we would suggest that the Mayor appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission consisting of independent scientists and public health experts rather than spend $253,000 on a private consulting corporation to reach the same conclusion that Dr. Kuiper has reached.

Please consider these communications before you vote for a quarter of a million dollars which will be a waste of tax payers money and may serve to make harder to pass the ordinance to ban coal that the people of Oakland so firmly and broadly desire.

Thank you.

For the No Coal In Oakland campaign,

Michael Kaufman

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