



October 10, 2022

Lydia Elias  
City of Richmond  
Community Development Department  
450 Civic Center Plaza, PO Box 4046  
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Lydia,

I am writing in support of Raven SR's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application and CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the construction and operation of a bioenergy facility at Republic Service's West Contra Costa County Sanitary Landfill.

Raven SR is providing the City of Richmond the opportunity to showcase a new hydrogen production technology that will revolutionize waste-to-hydrogen production. In addition to providing clean hydrogen fuel to the Richmond community, Raven will also help the City of Richmond further divert waste from landfills to meet California's SB 1383's goal of reducing organic waste disposal by 75% from 2014 levels (up to 27 M tons of organic waste) by 2025.

Another plus is that Raven has signed a Project Labor Agreement with the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and the I.B.E.W. Local #1245. The jobs that Raven SR will be generating for the Richmond community, in addition to the construction jobs to build the plant, are to be commended.

California has taken a leadership role in the nation for launching the hydrogen economy, and Richmond has the opportunity with Raven SR to support the advancement of clean fuel production, emissions reduction, and reversing climate change.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully ask that you approve Raven SR's CUP application and the CEQA MND so they may begin construction this year and start production in early 2023.

Sincerely,

**/s/ Nicholas Connell**

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