
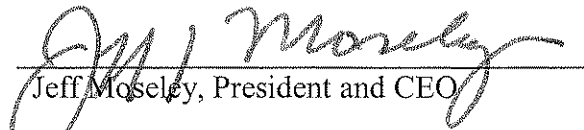


**Resolution in Support of Additional Deliberation on the Proposed City of
Houston Clean Air Ordinances**

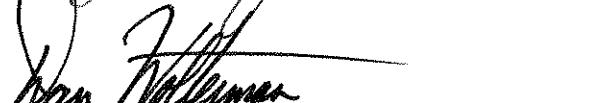
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John Hofmeister, Chairman



Jeff Moseley, President and CEO



Dan Wolterman, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 2006

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Doug Foshee
Chairman, Environment Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Support of More Deliberation on the Proposed City of Houston Clean Air Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

On January 25, the City of Houston's Council Committee on Environmental and Public Health considered two draft ordinances regarding neighborhood nuisances and air pollution abatement. The Committee referred these proposed ordinances to the full Council for vote on January 31. These items were pulled from the January 31 agenda and the vote has currently been postponed until February 7.

The Neighborhood Nuisances ordinance proposes to make it a public nuisance to emit a hazardous air pollutant (listed in Federal Clean Air Act) in a concentration that produces greater than 1 in 1 million cancer likelihood. Violators will be fined \$500 - \$2000 each day they are out of compliance.

The Air Pollution ordinance proposes incorporation of state air pollution control laws into City Code. Facilities emitting more than 1 ton of airborne contaminants per year must register with the City and are subject to regulatory compliance under City Code.

IMPLEMENTATION

To implement this recommendation, The Partnership would offer to convene leadership from the City, business community and other interested parties to assist in the analysis and review process prior to any action being considered by Council.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

This resolution can be implemented within current budgetary constraints.