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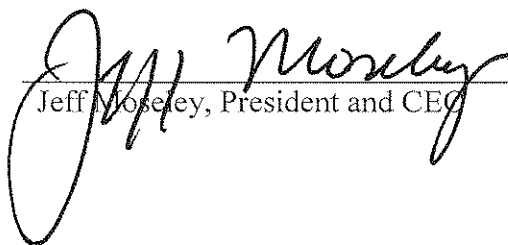
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John D. Hofmeister, Chairman



Daniel J. Wolterman, Secretary



Jeff Moseley, President and CEO



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2007

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Wolterman
Chairman, Houston Regional Air Quality Task Force

SUBJECT: Resolution of the Board of Directors in Support of the Houston Regional Air Quality Task Force Report

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

On January 2007, the City of Houston City Council considered proposed ordinance language that would make it a public nuisance to emit any of ten hazardous air pollutants (identified within the ordinance) in a concentration that exceed specified levels. Violators will be fined \$500 - \$2000 each day they are out of compliance unless the facility has either entered into an agreement with the City to reduce emissions and the facility is in compliance with such agreement, or the facility emits less than annual specified levels.

The Greater Houston Partnership offered to convene leadership from the City, business community and other interested parties to assist in the analysis and review process prior to any action on this ordinance. The ordinance was pulled from the City Council agenda and the vote was postponed.

The Houston Regional Air Quality Task Force was created as a result of the Greater Houston Partnership's *Resolution in Support of Additional Deliberation on the Proposed City of Houston Clean Air Ordinances* (February 7, 2007). The Task Force is a diverse group of eighteen business executives, economic development executives, community leaders, environmental and health professionals organized to develop a comprehensive understanding of the state of air quality in the region, the human health impacts and risks, and key contributors to air quality. The Houston Regional Air Quality Task Force set a goal

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to identify and recommend effective regulatory mechanisms and voluntary initiatives that could help reduce air toxic emissions in the Houston region.

The Task Force met on a regular basis for five months to understand the current air quality challenges facing the Houston region and to develop a voluntary plan for stakeholder partners to implement in order to reduce air emissions in the region.

IMPLEMENTATION

To implement this recommendation, The Partnership would communicate its support of this resolution to local and state leadership.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

This resolution can be implemented within current budgetary constraints