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Dear Commissioners -

Unfortunately, there is no real-time public comment from on line viewers. It would be desirable for staff to receive short emails to be read when public comment is requested.

These comments affect decisions to be made today or tomorrow:

1. Please require all Commissioners that are able to attend to go to all meetings when testimony is taken, per the recommendations of Karin Mac Donald. There is absolutely no substitute for hearing the input first hand. This is the only way to develop a cumulative sense of what action to take.
2. Mr. Claypool explained why you are not, unfortunately, putting the discussed consulting jobs out to bid. This does not mean, however, that the consultant's approaches should not be questioned, or even challenged. I heard no Commission members bring up the topic of the breadth and impartiality of the process and their partners. While the Commissioners are sworn to be impartial, the consultants are not. It is up to the Commission to be the watchdog on this, and it is not too soon make adjustments to the consultant partners and process to assure that this is the case.

Thank you.

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