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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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James C. Moeser, Chancellor
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
103 South Building 005A, CB# 9100
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Dear Chancellor Moeser:

At its regular meeting on June 24, the Town Council received the attached petition from Mr. Bob Epting, Ms. Julie McClintock, and Mr. Dan Coleman regarding the University's deferred clean-up of a toxic waste pond and burial sites on the northern portion of the Horace Williams Tract. The petitioners quoted a University announcement of intent to shift current development plans for the tract so as to begin development along areas adjacent to Estes Drive, instead of beginning development in the northern portion of the property, as was previously studied and planned. The petitioners raised concerns about groundwater contamination from the toxic wastes on the property, which affect surrounding neighborhoods.

The Council received and referred this petition to the Town Manager, requesting that the Manager obtain certain information. I write to ask that you provide:

- Copies of all site assessments and reports detailing the existence of wastes at the Horace Williams site, including all plans or proposals for clean-up;
- All communications to or from any State or federal agencies with respect to those sites;
- The University's timetable for meeting its legal duties to clean up this toxic waste site;
- Quarterly reports on progress in this task.

The Council also authorized the Town Manager to communicate with officials from the State Department of Environment and Natural Resources to determine what State efforts have been made, and with Environmental Protection Agency officials to clarify State and federal responsibilities regarding clean-up of the site.

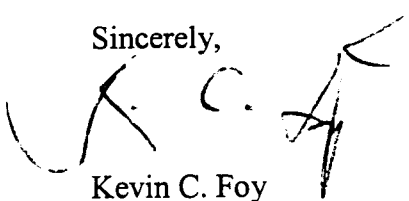
We appreciated the attendance and the comments of Ms. Linda Convissor at the June 24 meeting. Ms. Convissor said that there had been a chemical analysis of the site and expressed the University's willingness to provide information about the analysis results. Ms. Convissor also said that the University was actively pursuing funding to clean-up the property.

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I am sure that you can appreciate the concerns of Town residents in general, and especially those who live along the streams and lakes that flow downstream of where Crow Branch drains the chemical dump site.

On behalf of the Council, I appreciate your assistance in obtaining the above information and ask that you continue to update the Council on efforts to clean up toxic waste on the Horace Williams property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.C. Foy', with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Kevin C. Foy
Mayor

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Attachments