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Madam Mayor and Honorable Members of the City Council,

It has been almost a year since I have been asking for an investigation to expose the mismanagement, abuse of power and culture of retaliation at Alameda Municipal Power. Their lack of leadership and adherence to safety and compliance standards in construction at Alameda Point, with no oversight by anyone, has made the city vulnerable to litigation and allowed AMP to strip me of a twenty year career because I would not accept unsafe and substandard construction that is still ongoing on the former Naval Air Station and beyond.

I have appealed directly to Management at AMP, Mayor Ashcraft, City Attorney Yibin Shen, Nancy Bronstein as Human Resources director (for ten months), Nancy Bronstein as Interim City Manager(six weeks), Interim City Manager Brazil and former City Manager Levitt. I have contacted my representative Mia Bonta's office and made an appeal to this very council in a statement I submitted on September 6, 2022. Until last Thursday I could get no one to help me. I have been told over and over again that only the City Manager can conduct or deem it necessary for a department of the City to be investigated or held responsible for their behavior.

After submitting more evidence of non-compliance to safety standards and unlawful behavior by Alameda Municipal Power and including unlawful behavior by the Department of Public Works, Interim City Manager Nancy Bronstein on September 15, 2022 , finally deemed it necessary to do an investigation of AMP. Though they committed to obtaining an outside investigator, I suggested going directly to the Public Utility Board with my evidence and documentation.

To include Human Resources (retaliatory behavior and falsifying records by Chris Low, Senior Human Resources Analyst) , which Interim City Manager Bronstein knew of months ago as Human Resources Director, this investigation should encompass all three departments for their lack of adherence to the law, the standards the City of Alameda expects of them (Memorandum of Understanding)

and a general lack of truthfulness and accountability that runs rampant and unchecked in these Departments.

I would like to request that the Council, no matter who becomes Interim/City Manager, please deem it necessary to keep Interim City Manager Bronstein's promise to investigate the mismanagement, unlawful behavior and abuse of power in these City Departments.

Thank you for your time,

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