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Dear Leon:

It's always a joy to speak with you and Mrs. Williams. As we discussed by phone this week, I enclose some background correspondence that I sent to Deputy Mayor Barbara Warden regarding the idea that the City of San Diego host a reception for National Urban Fellows Programs in San Diego. At this time, the City of Long Beach and City of San Francisco are hosting receptions for NUF in May and June.

After our phone conversation, Laura McDonald, Barbara's assistant finally called me back. She apologized for her inexcusable delay in responding to my many messages and correspondence. As you stated, her reason was an all-out effort to offset the recall campaign. She promised that she would notify me of the staff person at Mayor Golding's office to which she had forwarded my request . I can only surmise that after all this time the contact is cold by now.

Also enclosed is my draft letter to Mr. Luis Alvarez, President of National Urban Fellows, Inc. which outlines what we are asking Mayor Golding to do. As a member of the first class of Fellows, I can only say that I want to be sure that San Diego receives every consideration in recruitment of Fellows and Mentors in the future. You and I recall the many controversies that we became involved with when I was a Fellow with Mayor Frank Curran: Toltecas De Atzlan taking over a museum in Balboa Park, the State Highway Board dividing the community of San Yzidro, the unequal treatment of youth in South Central and many other issues. Unfortunately, I see that time has changed very little. If we do not actively fight to keep open the doors of economic , educational and political opportunity, our respective communities will not develop and die.

I trust that with this information, you will speak privately to Mayor Golding about the value of hosting a breakfast or luncheon reception for the outstanding array of National Urban Fellows fellowship programs in San Diego. Remember that we are speaking of fellowships in Public Administration as well as Environmental Science and Management and in the future Science and Technology. These fellowships will assure that our sons and daughters (maybe grandsons and granddaughters, too) will keep up with the latest career challenges into the 21st Century. Believe me, these programs are in the best interests of San Diego and Americas as well, Leon.

I look forward to working closely with you on this and other issues of concern to San Diego. Best regards to Mrs. Williams and be assured of my continuing admiration for you, Leon. Please call me at any time for additional information. Also let me know when Martha and I can take you and Mrs. Williams to Universal CitiWalk for dinner. Let's make it soon.

Sincerely,

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