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TO: Supervisor John MacDonald, Chairman
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FROM: Supervisor George F. Bailey

SUBJECT: RETAINING THE REGION'S JOB BASE

In order to better understand the reasons for the exodus of jobs from this region, and particularly from the East County area, I have convened a small group of chief executive officers from East County manufacturing firms. These principals have businesses of varying sizes. Their employee size ranges from fifty to over 500. All have been approached by promoters from other states.

Our meetings over the past several months have identified such topics as workers compensation, overlapping regulations and regulators and a local business climate which sometimes blatantly suggests that they should go elsewhere. I have been struck by comments of those in this group that they are more than willing to abide by the rules, but they are frustrated by rules being independently set by different arms of one organization (sometimes the State, sometimes the County) without any recognition of their inter-relationship.

Although this particular group is comprised of Second District employers, I believe that others might find a similar effort enlightening. I believe it should also be considered for a regional effort under County leadership. If we are concerned, as we must be, at the loss of basic employment, then we must get in close touch with those who are leaving or are seriously considering leaving and examine our own role in the situation.

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