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Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:55 AM  
To: Ali, Lou B. - Council Chief of Staff  
Cc: Capel, Jean V. - City Clerk; C. Wayne Taylor  
Subject: Council - Venture Richmond Tax Exemption Ordinances 2014-2, 2014-3, 2014-4

[Dear Ms. Ali, Please forward to council. Thank you, CWT]

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The Honorable Mr. Baliles and Honorable City Council  
City of Richmond  
900 E. Broad St., Suite 200  
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Re: Council - Venture Richmond Tax Exemption Ordinances 2014-2, 2014-3, 2014-4

Dear Mr. Baliles and Members of Council,

1. Do the pending Venture Richmond tax exemption ordinances comply with the USE deadline, APPLICATION deadline, and COUNCIL PROCEDURE deadline established by ordinances 2012-188 and 2013-19?

On January 28 2013 Council adopted ordinance 2012-188 to reinstate the moratorium on tax exemption applications. It appears that on that date the Venture Richmond properties did not meet the use criteria. Applications are required to be complete when submitted and the criteria apply to the existing use.

On February 11 2013 Council adopted ordinance 2013-19 to established a Council procedural deadline of April 8 2013. It appears that the Venture Richmond applications died when Council decided to take no action and let the deadline pass. It also appears that Council is still subject to the April 8 2013 deadline since the application process is closed.

2. Was it appropriate for Mayor Jones, the President of Venture Richmond, to have his Department of Economic and Community Development initiate tax exemption ordinances for Venture Richmond?

Sincerely yours,

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Links:

Ordinance 2012-188  
Ordinance 2013-19  
Ordinance 2014-2  
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