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Dear Mr. Singh:

During the past few years and months, a number of issues related to PG&E and its provision of service in Lafayette have arisen as topics of robust public conversation and concern including:

- PG&E’s Community Pipeline Safety Initiative (CPSI), in which the utility proposes to remove and replace at least 113 trees along public trails and city streets located in Lafayette that the utility claims pose a safety concern;

- PG&E’s unexpected and sudden replacement of 6,000 linear feet of gas pipeline on St. Mary’s Road during Summer 2018, which work will have notable traffic and congestion impacts and also necessitate the removal of certain trees and vegetation; the city was first notified of this project only on March 29th;

- PG&E safety concerns alleged by residents Michael and Gina Dawson and others, including but not limited to the need for automatic shut off valves; exposed segments of gas pipeline that should be repaired; PG&E expenditure priorities; and PG&E’s representation of facts related to pipeline integrity testing;

- New State rule changes related to tree limb trimming that will require more aggressive tree trims this summer and in the future, and which work may be conflated with the other issues listed above.

Members of the local public have recently attended meetings of the Lafayette City Council, voiced their dissatisfaction with the utility, and in many cases demanded that the City intervene with PG&E on residents’ behalf.
The City Council has therefore decided to convene a special meeting on September 10, 2018 at 7PM where residents can voice concerns to PG&E and receive answers. The meeting will take place at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. With this letter, we invite you, other executives from PG&E, and regulators from the California Public Utilities Commission to attend and participate.

To increase the chances that the meeting will be constructive, the City will compile a comprehensive list of resident concerns about utility operations well in advance of the meeting, and forward that catalogue of concerns to the utility and the CPUC not later than August 1. Our expectation is that the utility will prepare cogent and substantive responses to the resident concerns and present those to the public on September 10th, and it is in this spirit that we urge PG&E to assemble its best and most qualified staff and consulting team members for this effort.

The meeting will be recorded, and a transcript will be prepared and sent to PG&E leadership and the five commissioners who sit on the California Public Utilities Commission.

If you have any questions about this meeting, feel free to call me directly at 925-548-7239.

Most sincerely,

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