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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Byron Wear, Chair, Land Use and Housing Committee
FROM: Councilmember Ralph Inzunza *M. Inzunza*
SUBJECT: Barrio Logan Chrome Plating

Barrio Logan faces an ongoing health crisis as a result of the location of toxic industries adjacent to family homes and apartments. Addressing the crisis requires short, mid, and long-term actions on the part of the City. Two such actions are described below.

Please consider docketing the following items for the next Land Use and Housing Committee meeting.

1. Amendment to Barrio Logan Planned District Ordinance

Many of the environmental health risks in Barrio Logan stem from outdated zoning that allows polluting industries to be located immediately adjacent to single-family homes and multi-family apartments. In the short-term, could the City consider rezoning the boundaries of certain sub-districts of the Barrio Logan PDO (or other appropriate action) to prevent new incompatible industries from locating near residences? A long-term remedy will probably require updating the Community Plan.

2. Implementing Ordinance for the California Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act (SB 32)

SB 32 authorizes a local agency to require a property owner to conduct environmental assessment and remediation on a toxic site. If the owner is uncooperative, the local agency may conduct the assessment and remediation itself, and recoup costs from the owner.

Barrio Logan is severely impacted by numerous small toxic sites that pose health hazards and impede community development. Access to SB 32's assessment, remediation, and immunity provisions is a critical step in the long-term clean-up of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.