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To: Commissioners
Subject: Combining Planning & Environmental Health

Commissioners:

I am unable to attend the meeting scheduled to address the possibility of combining the Planning and Environmental Health departments. I hope you'll consider my thoughts on the subject.

The County is hemorrhaging money, for reasons we all understand, and looking at possible efficiencies is admirable. I'm not certain that this is one, due to the specialized nature of the Department of Environmental Health's work. Efficiency arises from hiring the right people to do a well-defined job, not from just mashing things together and hoping the employees can sort it out.

Should you choose to proceed, I and all the taxpayers in the County will expect nothing less than the careful crafting of a new Job Description for the head of the newly-combined departments, recognizing the technical aspects of both, and to see the job widely and openly advertised. The last thing we need is another hiring debacle.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Yours,

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