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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Cutter,

Our Revolution San Leandro is committed to social, racial, environmental and economic justice. We have advocated for an accelerated minimum wage increase schedule for San Leandro, a Safe Havens schools policy for students enrolled in school districts in San Leandro and our the Sanctuary City resolution. We are San Leandro residents and local allies who appreciate the progressive city that San Leandro has become.

We are now advocating a commitment from the City of San Leandro to divest from Energy Transfer Partners, the consortium that is building the **Dakota Access Pipeline**. DAPL is one of many pipelines under construction or proposed by Energy Transfer Partners. There is a growing divestment movement by municipalities across the United States to withdraw their funds and end financial relationships with banks that fund Energy Transfer Partners. We ask that San Leandro join this divestment movement.

The Dakota Access Pipeline violates the rights of millions of people. The construction and flow of oil through the Dakota Access Pipeline violates treaty rights for the Standing Rock Sioux and the Cheyenne. The pipeline was originally designed to pass near the domestic water supply of Bismarck, North Dakota. Protests by the Bismarck community forced a rerouting of the pipeline through and across land and waters protected by historic treaty rights. Failure of any part of this pipe threatens the water supply to these Nations and millions of people downstream along the Missouri River. Under intense pressure and after brutalization of Water Protectors by militarized police in North Dakota, President Obama ordered that the Army Corps of Engineers do their job and complete the legally required environmental review of the project. Trump has cancelled the review and Dakota Access Pipeline construction has resumed. Energy Transfer Partners, builders of the pipeline, is funded by 17 banks and many private investors, including Trump. Energy Transfer Pipeline has several other pipelines planned and under construction across the country. The Pipeline Resistance movement, Indigenous Environmental Network and their allies believe that divestment of the 17 banks is one phase of opposition to this pipeline. On the west coast, Seattle, Santa Monica, Davis and Alameda have divestment resolutions. Madison WI is divesting. San Francisco is expected to vote this week, and Oakland and CalPERS are a sample of other possible divestors. The Seattle Divestment Ordinance has been used as a model for many of the other municipalities.

Our Revolution San Leandro will ask the City to divest during tonight's public comments. We want to collaborate with city staff and officials to write and pass a San Leandro divestment ordinance and evolve a fair investment policy for our community.

With Respect,
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