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Mayor and City Council
City of Santa Barbara
Via e-mail

Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members

I am again applying for the Board of Water Commissioners, after discussing this opening with Ms Rebecca Bjork, acting director of the water department (I am unsure of her exact title). I am in Chile, working and attending a scientific conference, until mid-December, so Ms Bjork suggested I send this letter since I cannot attend the Council interview sessions. In any event, I appeared before the Council last June, so you have had an opportunity to interview me in person.

I think I can make a valuable contribution to the City's water and wastewater operations for the following reasons:

- I am a professional geophysicist and hydrogeologist and I deal with surface water and groundwater issues regularly.
- In my consulting work I deal regularly with various regulatory agencies, in some cases the same ones that the City deals with in permitting water and wastewater operations.
- On the basis of past service as a Water Commissioner and consulting involvement with local hydrogeology, I am very familiar with the physical aspects of the water resources of the City. I have served as a reviewer for USGS publications dealing with the groundwater basin.
- My recent work in the San Francisco Bay area has kept me up to date on urgent issues associated with exports of State water from the Delta. While the City is

fortunate in not being overly reliant on this imported water source, it is important to understand these issues.

I would be happy to provide any additional information. I am reachable via e-mail during most of my stay in South America.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Keller", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Barry Keller