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Good Neighbor Steering Committee: Well done, Dana Dean

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In October, 2018 the Benicia Good Neighbor Steering Committee and Valero brought to the Benicia City Council an amendment to the Valero/Good Neighbor Steering Committee agreement. This agreement, dating back to 2002, originally brought more than \$14 million for water, energy and land projects to the Benicia Community. However, two major projects in the settlement were unable to be completed and the October 2018 amendment addressed reapportioning the remaining funds.

Throughout this many year period, our attorney for the Good Neighbor Steering Committee, Dana Dean, (we are five Benicia community women) worked steadily and intelligently to bring all parties of the agreement together: Valero, the City of Benicia and the Good Neighbor Steering Committee (GNSC). In February, the Amended Settlement Agreement was unanimously approved by the Benicia City Council.

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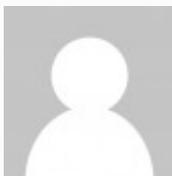
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As GNSC members, we are totally aware that without the selfless and professional commitment of our attorney, Dana Dean, the Settlement throughout the years would not have been possible nor the successful conclusion of the Settlement Agreement this February. This agreement has now brought to the community more than \$15 million as seen in City Solar arrays, the completion of the Benicia Community Center, Community Sustainability Commission grants, funding Sustainable Solano and major water, food and energy projects. The final settlement monies will fund the completion of fence line monitoring by Valero, the formation of a non-profit Benicia Community Air Monitoring organization and refurbishment of a sophisticated Community Air Monitoring equipped trailer, among other significant benefits.

We want to publicly acknowledge our appreciation and awareness of the profound contribution Ms. Dean has continued to make to our Benicia Community.

— Marilyn Bardet, Mary Frances Kelly Poh, Constance Beutel, Kathy Kerridge, Nancy Lund/Good Neighbor Steering Committee



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