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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

In the recent mayoral business summit some speakers referred to the untapped reservoir of ideas and talents within city departments. Yet the Board of Supervisors have only made half-hearted attempts to take advantage of these employee resources. In the past the Board passed some type of legislation that spoke of rewards for ideas and a couple of years ago one supervisor solicited ideas from city employees. Ideas were submitted but no acknowledgment was ever made.

I am one city employee who has spent years lobbying various Board members as well as the Mayor with ideas that had the potential to save millions of dollars. Through a long struggle I was able to convince my department where I work to take up some of my ideas. We now have a program that saves thousands and could save more.

Enclosed is a copy of a report that I submit of monthly savings in just retrieving castoff supplies, which I process and put back into use. The department also saves \$64,000.00 a year on energy costs because of my insistence that an energy audit be made. This savings came from just one building.

I have repeatedly proposed a city-wide program such as my own. No takers.

Please let us make our rhetoric a reality and meet with like-minded employees who are desperately concerned for the fiscal well being of the city and enhancement of our environment.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Mayor Willie Brown

P.S. This is a personal letter and should be answered through me and not through my department as has been done in the past.