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Eva C. Josph, Ed.D.  
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Dear Dr. Joseph:

Mayor Jennings forwarded your recent letter and resolution regarding drinking water fluoridation to me for review in my role as Chairman of the Albany Water Board.


Over the years, the Albany Water Board has reviewed a substantial amount of information both for and against fluoridation of the City's water supply and, in fact, conducted a public hearing on the matter some time ago.

It is the Board's judgment that there is insufficient evidence to support a decision to fluoridate our drinking water at this time. Indeed, there is considerable new information which indicates that there may be serious health implications to fluoridation, especially with regard to recent findings by the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council. The Board also believes that sufficient other means are available to obtain fluoride for those wishing to do so.

The Albany Water Board has found that fluoridation of the City's water supply is not in the best interests of its Albany water supply customers, and there are no plans to reconsider this position.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony J. Ferrara  
Chairman

Cc: Mayor Jennings  
Commissioner Cross