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Dear Mr. Platts,

Thank you for your September 22, 2005 letter to Marvin Hunt expressing concern with regard to the funding approach associated with the LSCR Evening Lecture Series. As a result of your previous communication dated December 14, 2003, and given that we agreed with your premise, GVRD moved from charging a set fee for attending the lectures to an arrangement where it requests a voluntary donation, with a suggested level of contribution (\$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors & students). Because of the numbers of attendees routinely asking staff what a reasonable level of contribution might be, we feel compelled to suggest a level of contribution. However, to reiterate, any level of contribution is fine with us and it is made clear with the attendees that they are most welcome to attend for free if that is their wish.

Donations partially offset the overall costs of this popular program. We feel that this is a balanced approach where some, but not all, of the program costs are offset by those choosing to participate. To be clear though, as a result of you expressing your original concern to us, when the speaker is a GVRD staff member we do not put the donation box out.

GVRD continues to get a positive public response to the program given that the various speakers from the community provide diverse insights into regional issues. I appreciate your interest in this program and hope that you will continue to take advantage of upcoming lectures.

Yours truly,

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cc: J. Marvin Hunt