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Hi Councilmembers,

Before today's vote on Ordinances 250889 and 250890, I think it is extremely pertinent for you to know additional information about the company you plan to contract with.

Brown & Root Industrial Services is co-owned by KBR (Kellogg Brown & Root)—the military contractor with one of the most horrifying corporate records in modern American history. This is not at all hyperbole. It is all documented in federal lawsuits, jury verdicts, and congressional testimony.

For reference, yesterday I published a short exposé on the company, revealing its extraordinarily horrifying and dangerous history. Here are just a few things included:

- **Chemical Weapons Against Over 100,000 U.S. Troops & Civilians:** A jury found KBR knowingly exposed U.S. soldiers to hexavalent chromium—a deadly chemical—and awarded them $85 million in damages. Hundreds more veterans have sued KBR for operating open-air burn pits that caused respiratory disease, cancer, neurological disorders, and death. KBR burned human corpses, biohazard materials, lithium batteries, petroleum, medical waste, asbestos, pesticides, animal carcasses, and hundreds of thousands of plastic water bottles—poisoning over 100,000 people, many of them American service members.

- **Human Trafficking & Murder:** The families of twelve Nepali men sued KBR after the company and its subcontractors trafficked them to Iraq under false pretenses. As a result, one man was beheaded with a hunting knife on video. Eleven others were executed. All murders were filmed and distributed to international media.

- **Gang Rape & Unlawful Imprisonment:** Jamie Leigh Jones, 19 years old and four days into her job, alleges she was drugged and gang-raped by KBR employees. When she reported the assault, she says KBR employees held her hostage in a shipping container under armed guard to silence her.

- **Guantanamo Bay Torture Camps:** KBR was paid $169 million to build the Guantanamo Bay torture camps where the United States has tortured nearly 800

people over two decades through waterboarding, sexual humiliation, prolonged isolation, and psychological abuse.

I have published a full investigative report with all sources, citations, and documentation here:

Respectfully but urgently,

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