

## Marissa Davis

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**To:** Marissa Davis  
**Subject:** Fwd: CEMEX thoughts from non-voting / former LAHC commissioner

Marissa ~

Hope all is well!!

I realized after the fact that I perhaps should have copied you on this communication re: CEMEX below?

Sorry for the oversight!  
Holler if any questions?

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Begin forwarded message:

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Hi all ~

Just looping you all in ~ in case anything here might offer any value...

I'd been asked to serve on CEMEX's "community board" awhile ago as an arts community & business owner representative & have had the opportunity to tour the plant and grounds, glean 5k in funding for the LAHC, and begin exploration of a couple (now obviously postponed) arts-related / alternative energy projects (potentially involving local artists) at the Lyons facility.

I've enjoyed many conversations with Michael Clausen (who oversees the "community board") and have found him to be an authentic environmentally-concerned compass point for this plant and passionate about building community relationships & helping CEMEX to navigate the right solutions for the right reasons.

I sent this flow of ideas input (pasted below) as a private citizen to Michael on Sunday July 10th:

*"Hey Michael ~  
Just putting down some thoughts that keep floating through..."*

*Sounds as if CEMEX is being nudged to come up w/ another option proposal.*

*Here one of the smallest plants in CEMEX's system sits in a renown creativity corridor at a critical junction in time.*

*Around us sits farrow hemp fields ~ farmers who jumped on the bandwagon ~ poised as the Farm Bill passed only to face a glut / saturation point in that industry...*

*And hops / brewing industry's bounty of agri-castoffs are seemingly plentiful & rife w/ possibilities...*

*And stalks from surrounding sunflower, field corn farms...*

*And byproducts from, say, Celestial Seasonings... and other Boulder County fibrous / agrarian-related mfgs...*

*And blue jean castoffs from Goodwill & other donation sources...*

*Wool from herds of sheep grazing on unused acreage on the property...*

*And the fire-hazardous heaps of beetle kill pine free for the taking in a win win attempt to utilize a napping endangerment to the front range...*

*Oh, and the shredding of tires ~ can't there be a way to responsibly deploy them into a transportive ingredient for a new type of construction material?*

*With all these experimental materials & more ~ couldn't the Lyons plant ~ w/ it's aging facility ~ be modified into a globally recognized research & development center ~ w/ pilot plants ~ for seeking advancements in the formulation of improved cement / cement-like products to supply the never-ending global need for responsibly-created products for enduring construction?*

*Like relying substantially on a solar powering shift...*

*And somewhere in this new proposal ~ and future land-use agreement ~ can't a significant & intentional nod be given to Lyons specifically ~ to placate this neighboring municipality that CEMEX has been incubating relationships with?*

*Like a pocket of Habitat for Humanity homes and/or artist live/work spaces (like partnering w/ Artspace ~ <https://www.artspace.org>) ~ with CEMEX literally also paving the way w/ a network of connectivity trails to Lyons... perhaps a trolley transport circuit that loops people into a high traffic density town from a remote parking area (all made from experimental testing-ground sections of new-age concrete / concrete-like materials) in an expanding eastern corridor...*

*Working alongside the ground-breaking efforts of nearby soil improving farming efforts such as those at Elk Run (<https://www.dar.eco>) & Hugo (<https://www.farmingsecrets.com/mentor/hugo-and-helen-disler/>)... perhaps helping to create a center of collaborative core research for such efforts in the corner of the property?*

*Ok.*

*This was the tossed salad of thoughts that awakened me tonight.*

*Hopefully there's something possibly fruitful here!! A springboard or piggyback into a potentially positive outcome for CEMEX, a new template for the industry, Lyons, global environmental impact concerns, Boulder County, and beyond... a sustainable repurposing of locally sourced waste model..."*

He enthusiastically responded to this the next day with:

*“So I read through your thoughts and ideas and I must say there is some really great stuff in there. I love most of them actually. It is fortuitous because we will be hosting the senior management for CEMEX USA next week and I would like to present some of these to them. Of course we need community and county support to invest and implement but it is so important to show decision makers here that we have a progressive vision. Thank you! Your energy gives me energy!”*

Aside ~ I’d resigned from the LAHC on June 14th to open a seat up for newcomers interested in applying & bringing in fresh ideas.

I wanted to fully disclose this conversation and transparently offer this content up merely as food for thought...

My best,  
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