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## Regarding deep dialogue

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Dear Mr. Raghu Ananthanarayanan,

We are writing as working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly. As you can imagine, and are perhaps hearing in your interviews, there are diverse perspectives about the 'deep dialogue' exercise invited by Dena Mirriam via the Governing Board and Secretary, Auroville Foundation. We outline some concerns in our communication to her, which we have copied to you with the hope that it is informative.

So far, there appears to be no communication or introduction from yourself to the wider body of residents as to what you have agreed to and wish to achieve. In the circumstances we hope that this is something you can provide urgently to foster transparency and trust with the wider community.

We have had some reassuring feedback from some of those who you have spoken to so far and we appreciate the approach that we understand you are taking – to inquire, listen, understand, and report but not to go into a space of mediation or reconciliation. We note that the request from the Secretary conflates 'the manifestation of the city' with 'realizing the vision and mission of Auroville'. More surprising is the gap between your approach and the purpose of the exercise specified by the Secretary: "...namely, enabling the stakeholders of Auroville to arrive at a consensus and commit to a way forward". This purpose has very significant implications and is beyond the scope that you seem to have accepted. Again clarity from you would be very much appreciated.

Over the past almost one year there have been many attempts by RA selected working groups and numerous members of the RA at mediation, collaboration, and real dialogue, in order to synthesise diverse points of views and proposals. These have been consistently undermined and/or hijacked to serve the seemingly fixed agenda of the Secretary and her illegitimate appointees. We feel compelled to express this, and our concern that your attempts, which we trust are made with genuine goodwill and sensitivity, will be used, misused or discarded in the same manner.

We hope that as you are already acting on this invitation, you will also consider the recent Resolution (attached) made by the Residents' Assembly, with the highest participation in Auroville's history. We wish to emphasise that the core issue and source of polarization and entrenchment is not from or between Aurovilians, per se, but is fuelled and played upon from outside. It is therefore perverse that questions such as 'through my action or non-action, how have I contributed to this divisiveness?' are put initially to Aurovilians, rather than to Governing Board members or to the Secretariat.

Finally we reiterate that certain pre-conditions will have to be identified and secured to allow the stakeholders to move forward beyond the current state of hostile occupation and intimidation of residents by & through the Secretary done seemingly without objection from the Governing Board.

We hope that you will share your reflections on the above, and that you open a line of communication with us before arranging to present your findings. Whatever misgivings there may be about this exercise, we feel that the demonstration of your independence at that sensitive point could help avoid undermining or manipulation of the efforts you are making.

Please write to workingcom@auroville.services for any communications sought with us or with the general community.

Sincerely,

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