Exhibit 16.1

June 2, 2005

Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549-7561

Dear Sirs/Madams:

We have read Item 4.01 of Heritage Commerce Corp's Form 8-K dated May 26, 2005, and have the following comments:

- 1. We agree with the statements made in the first sentence of the first paragraph and the second, third and fourth paragraphs of Item 4.01.
- 2. We have no basis on which to agree or disagree with the statements made in the second sentence of the first paragraph and the fifth paragraph of Item 4.01.

Yours truly,

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

San Francisco, California