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Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 1/30/2024: for the next community forum/virtual forum, currently expected on 2/13/2024

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Tacoma City Council,

I am listening to your 1/30/2024 5pm city council meeting. I had a comment, but while Michelle Reich(sp) was speaking about bomb shelters, the video and audio froze. The video and audio was restored to me during the presentation for RES41352, the limited property tax exemption for 709 E 34th Street.

Your agenda held a lot of interest to me, on 1/31/2024. Specifically, RES41353 concerning the Christmas holiday schedule for Tacoma Fire Fighters. The fire fighters, 911, were called on 12/24/23. by my friend, who has Clarity Guardians as her guardian, to take her to the hospital. As mentioned to me by the adult family home and my friend, Tacoma Fire Fighters came, evaluated, and did not take the friend to the hospital on 12/24/2023. The next day, 12/25/23, I was asked by my friend to take her to the hospital. After having her over for our family Christmas dinner, I took her to the hospital. I also picked her up when she was released, after a social worker from the hospital and my friend called me to say that my friend was ready for me to pick her up.

1/9/2024, same person. Thank you for reminding me about the Hope program. You had Rebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County on your 1/30/2024 agenda, RES41349. Your HOPE Program, Holistic Outreach Promoting Engagement, sounds like a wonderful new program as an alternative to the police or sheriff for those of us impacted by mental health or substance use.

May those who will be taking Tacoma residents and citizens to the hospital on 12/25/2024 and subsequent years be well in every way.

May you and I be well.

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From: Fred Dowell <freddowell54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 8:19 PM
To: Hines, John; Bingham, Debbie
Cc: Bushnell, Joe; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy; Walker, Kristina; Ushka, Catherine; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Resolution 41352

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I have questions regarding resolution 41352 to be presented on January 30th 2024. I hope you can provide answers.

The document online is showing the projected complete assessed value as 2,00,000. ??

Can you provide the correct number and have that edited before presented to the city council?

The document also shows total taxes exempted at \$275,000, the city portion of that is \$54,000. The \$275,000 number... is that all property taxes that are going to be exempt? Does that include money that go to the state?

Under the sales tax collected on construction it shows a total of \$206,000 with the city portion of \$26,000.

So when I see the property tax of \$54,000 and \$26,000 for the sales tax that's a total credit to the LLC of \$80,000 if I calculated correctly.

Yet the reduction in the affordable rent for this project the studio market rate is \$1,350, the affordable rate is \$1,247 and that includes the utility allowance.

Where does the money come for the utility allowance? I've been told it comes from the Tacoma Housing Authority is that true?

The net reduction on the rent is \$103 a month * 12 months* 12 years which equals \$14,832.

Quite frankly I don't think that the discounted affordable housing rate is enough when these developers in this case is getting an \$80,000 credit on property and sales tax exemptions. (From city only.) (Or \$301,000 for Total Property Tax and the city sales tax exemption)

Finally the last resolution a few weeks ago that had a property tax exemption that was presented at the city council meeting and seen on TV 12 Tacoma and Facebook, Miss Bingham only brought up a slide showing the projected City sales tax exemption. She did not provide a slide at the presentation showing what the property tax exemption was.

Why was that not included in the presentation showing the property tax exemption?

Myself and other people think that you're hiding this from the public.

The first time I saw one of these presentations online that's all I thought that they were getting was the sales tax exemption and I even questioned Miss Bingham about that. But again, it's on the document we have to find online on City website, yet you don't disclose it when you have it where the public can see it easily.

Finally, I would like to request again a list of the last three years of property tax exemptions that the city have given to Developers.

Miss Bingham had replied to me previously that she didn't have that information. If she doesn't have it, who does at the city?

If her department is the one that's presenting this to the city council on an individual basis, why doesn't her Department have a list of all of them that have been presented to city council?

I would like to request even farther back, but I think three years would give us idea how much the exemptions are to the Developers.

I look forward to your replies and in conclusion I urge the council to vote NO on this exemption until there's more transparency when you're presenting these to the public, and also that this resolution should be thoroughly reviewed and edited.

Fred Dowell
Tacoma

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