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**STATEMENT of J.H. McQUISTON on  
BREAKDOWN of RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING-PLAN**

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee:

**Once again the Mayor fumbled the City's Budget and jeopardized the City's future and Financial Standing.**

The Mayor has a Budget Director and staff for budgetary-work.

The Mayor has a CAO Department with lots of specialists which should assure a workable and safe budget.

I am concerned, because not long ago the City ably-delivered budgets which were **realizable and safe**. Subsequent personnel seem **incapable of reasonable budgeting**.

**But the authority for the Budget and its workability is solely the Mayor's. It is not the duty of the City Council to cover the Mayor's budget mistakes.**

**When Mayor Riordan caused the Charter to be revised to give Budget power to the Mayor, it was for the purpose of making the Mayor the party solely-accountable for its success or failure. Now, the Mayor must take the full blame and get the budget revised into "reality".**

The City Council is not tasked nor equipped for developing a workable and sound City budget. **The Mayor is solely-responsible for that.**

The Council should hold the Mayor to the fire and insist on better performance **now, not later.**

There is a substantial solution known to the Mayor and ignored presently. **It must be put into action without further delay.**

Respectfully submitted,

c: Interested parties

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