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Fwd: STOP the \$850,000.00 Throw Away!!!!!!

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City Council voting to stop Planning/Building and
safety consolidation
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City Council voting Tuesday to throw away \$850,000 in work never reviewed !!

I was surprised Friday to see a motion come out to delay all the work that has been undertaken with you and other constituents.

Council man Price introduced a motion today seconded by LaBonge to hold off on the consolidation of the Planning Department and Building and Safety until other alternatives can be considered.

The City has already spent 850K between the Development Reform Strategic Plan and the consultant recently retained to study and implement consolidation of development functions.

The consultant's report to Council in a couple of weeks (early October), will include an option, however his contract only includes implementation of full consolidation. This motion is asking for implementation and financial analysis of other options which will require a new RFP, more money and a lot more time. Council should allow the consultant to make his report as contractually obligated before putting the matter on hold. He will report on the pros and cons of full consolidation and any viable options in a couple of weeks.

It doesn't make sense to put something on hold to think about it, when the Council hasn't been given anything to think about yet, as far as findings, options, benefits etc.

At a minimum the Council should wait to hear the report -already paid for- by the consultant and the CAO before they vote on this motion.

The motion will be scheduled for a Council vote on Tuesday Sept 17th item number 60.

It would be fundamentally wrong to stop a process that has already spent 850,000.00 without even seeing the final product, WHICH THEY CAN VOTE DOWN AFTER A REVIEW!! A huge waste of tax dollars that we do not have to waste.....

Any chance you can come to Council in Tuesday to testify?

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