

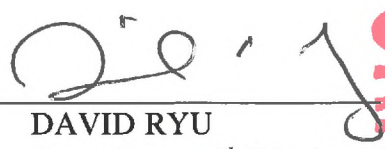
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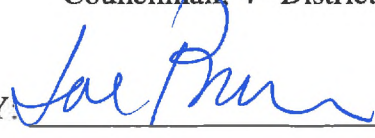
In working to bring accountability to Council District 4, our office will start the process of creating a reform practice that will effectively review and provide input on the use of discretionary funds, which has been questioned by the residents of CD4. The purpose of this project is to refocus the funds on their intended purpose of benefitting the District and its neighborhoods. As part of this reform, the office of Council District 4 is committed to seeking community input on how its discretionary funds should be used, and to making full public disclosure of all such expenditures. An advisory task force could work to identify, review and prioritize projects and expenditures that would benefit the District in the longer term.

Council offices receive discretionary funding in several ways. Unfortunately, in some cases the expenditure of these revenues have not had much transparency, and from here on need to be reviewed and validated, in order to give our projects traction. While this may be a problem throughout the City, several local news outlets have highlighted some especially extreme misuse of funds within Council District 4. Going forward, the best way to prevent even the appearance of abuse is to apply a healthy dose of community input and public accountability. We need to starting thinking "outside the box" for answers that will give us an advantage.

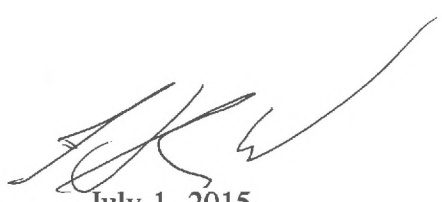
The goal of an advisory task force would be to make this process as transparent as possible. A specific plan should be established to show how much the District is receiving and how much of it can be spent. The input of the community is crucial in navigating these expenditures for the District, and the decisions made should be up to those who live in the District. In hopes of taking on such a task, it may serve as an example to be followed by others in all expenditures of discretionary funds. The goal is to join with members of the community, local leaders and others within the City walls in working to reconfigure and revitalize our fiscal strategy.

I THEREFORE MOVE that all affected City departments and offices be directed to work with Council District 4 in establishing advisory and review mechanisms, including task forces, to obtain community input and direction to assist in the allocation and expenditure of Council District 4 discretionary funds.

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