

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Schwering

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the Council to vote YES in favor of rolling over Neighborhood Council (NC) funds to Fiscal Year 2020-2021. NC's will need the funds from the current fiscal year in order to complete ongoing projects, and to support community events the COVID-19 pandemic has caused to be postponed or cancelled during this crisis.

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Name: Zapata-King Neighborhood Council

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Comments for Public Posting: I ask that you all support the motion to rollover all of the remaining neighborhood council funds to the new fiscal year 20-21. In addition, to supporting DONE and the funding department in reviewing and approving NPGs for COVID-19 related programs and services. It is evident DONE was not prepared for an Emergency Pandemic and that \$5,000 did not suffice for servicing the community - please review the emergency amount funds for future reference to an increase of \$7,000 - \$10,000 (depending on the funds of the neighborhood council). Thank you for you support and consideration.

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Name: Sharon

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Comments for Public Posting: Comments regarding all unspent 2019-2020 fiscal year NCs balances ending 6/30/20 being rolled over to 2020-2021 fiscal year FACTS: 5/06/20 @ 8:34 a.m. According to the City Clerk's Dashboard for Neighborhood Councils the following amounts are shown for all NCs: Budget 4,790,533.33 (fiscal year 2019-2020) Expenses to date -2,248,338.58 Balance 2,542,194.75 Outstanding - 205,412.72 Net Available 2,336,782.03 (almost half of budget allotted to NCs is still remaining with a little over a month left to spend 6/30/20 According to my research today, the following information regarding each NC Net Balances available are (please note some NCs started 2019-2020 with \$52,000): (1) NC balance over \$50,000 (4) 40,000 to 49,999 (22) 30,000 to 39,999 (13) 25,000 to 29,999 (19) 20,000 to 24,000 (9) 15,000 to 19,999 (31) under 14,000 (99) Total NCs (34) NCs in Valley balances remaining with only a month and a half left to spend--6/30/20 (12) over 30,000 (3) 25,000 to 29,999 (7) 20,000 to 24,999 (7) 15,000 to 19,999 (5) 10,000 to 14,999 (0) under 10,000 Some of my recommendations for City Council to consider before approving any NC rollover from 2019-2020 fiscal year (in excess of \$10,000) to 2020-2021 are: Report back from City Clerk asap regarding: 1. City Clerk providing the exact budget including beginning balances and remaining balances for each NC ending 3/31/20. 2. City Clerk providing exact balances remaining for each NC as of a certain date (5/06/20 example) 3. City Clerk looking into why any NCs (27 above) with balances between \$30,000 and over \$50,000 have not spent more funds with less than (2) months left in 2019-2020 fiscal year. 4. City Clerk reporting which (if any and the amounts) NCs will be getting funds put back in their accounts because of events that were paid for that did not and/or will not take place because of the "Safe at Home" order. 5. City Clerk provide each Council member with a detailed breakdown of starting balance. expenditures to date (including funding requests and card purchases), outstanding expenditures, and net balance available for each of their NCs. 6. City Clerk to have to report back on status of all NCs expenditures (funding requests and credit card), and net balances available in January 2021 for fiscal year 2020-2021. I think the above suggestions would be a good place to start with regards to possibly rolling over NC balances as of

6/30/20. Also please consider the figures presented at the beginning of this public comment. The information was taken from the Dashboard for NCs that is available to each Council member and the public. In conclusion, I do not believe you reward NCs who have high dollar amounts of unspent funds on 6/30/20 for 2019-2020 fiscal year with rolling these amounts over and also giving these same NCs a possible additional amount of \$32,000 for 2020-2021 fiscal year. NCs waiting to the last few months in a fiscal year sometimes leads board members to unwise spending because of the mindset "spend it or lose it". I do congratulate those NCs who spend most of their funds in the fiscal year where they were allotted.