

## Maricela Hernandez

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Hi Mari,

Please let the Council Members know my concerns about Item 12.

I think the process is backwards. First we should solicit businesses to submit applications based on the criteria in the report.

Then with that information, the Council should consider the amount requested, the value to the City, and how to balance the budget in other respects.

For example, maybe the Council would determine that the City should spend \$750,000 helping businesses, and to pay for that, the City must eliminate CTV or other major programs. This is just an example. There has to be a rational way to analyze the needs, the resources, and the expenditures.

To commit to spend \$1,000,000 to help businesses, without knowing in advance what businesses need what help, what the effect would be, and without identifying the source of making that expenditure, is nothing more than blind spending, precisely at a time when spending must be curtailed in a rational and methodical manner.

We're not the federal government. We can't print money.

I might add that the amount proposed to be spent seems completely out of proportion to other cities' proposals, just on its face. But again, expenditures must be made based on the entire budget, not just wishful thinking.

The City needs a lot more information and analysis before spending \$1,000,000 during a pandemic-induced financial crisis.

Hope you're safe and well.

Thanks,

Michael

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