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Dear Council:

While I am certain there is a faction determined NOT to read anything from the citizens as they "know what is best" for every one, I am not sure why I am bothering.....

However, I must try to advocate for the best option for MY city, MY neighbors and MY government.

Long after most of you have moved onto the path your chosen careers (political power and fame) will take you, many of the "funders" of the city will still be here.

Your decisions, made with limited information and applied over a huge amount of our city will be your legacy.

We are organized and involved and we have strategies to address this overreach.

The decision making process is incomplete, opaque and therefore not trusted.

I would like to suggest the following:

A new process be started. Once a month, either an entire council meeting or a large portion of it be dedicated to an open community forum. The purpose of these meetings would be to EXCHANGE information between the council, staff and citizens.

An important part of this process would include the ability to ask and have answered questions from the community before any final decisions are made.

For far too long an atmosphere of distrust and animosity has grown inside our community. If this issue is not addressed and corrected it will continue to lead to worsening failures. If we do not resolve this underlying problem we will continue to live in a community where the citizens, the elected and the professional staff mistrust each other and hobble our ability to move forward.

What do we have to lose and what do we have to gain? Trust, Cooperation and Progress.

Thank you,

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Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others."-- Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish writer

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