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Subject: FW: Agenda Comments: Geoffrey Dairiki - Public Comment on July 18 Agenda: Resolution 492 - Levy Lid Lift
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Mr. Dairiki,

I received a copy of your communication to Council for this evening and I wanted to respond right away. I apologize- you are correct that there was an error in a portion of my math. However, I am still not getting the same results that you are. Following is the way I am calculating the increases and looking at it from two perspectives. First, comparing the \$1.40 rate to the CPI Only option, and second comparing to the 2022 levy. I will note that all of these comparisons and calculations are based on the \$1.40 that was proposed to Council and do not include the updated Levy information or CPI cost increases.

Key Facts:

2022 Property Tax Levy = \$15.3M

2023 Projected Property Tax Levy @ CPI = \$16.2

2023 Projected Property Tax Levy @ 1.40 = \$20.5M

Difference between \$1.40 level and CPI only = \$4.3M (erroneously reported as \$3.7M in my earlier response to you)

Difference between \$1.40 rate and 2022 property tax levy = \$5.2M

Comparing the difference between the \$1.40 rate and the CPI only rate is 27% - calculated as follows:

$\$4.3\text{M (Difference between } \$1.40 \text{ and CPI Only)} / \$16.2\text{M (2022 Property Tax Levy)} = 27\% \text{ increase compared to CPI Only}$

Comparing the levy collected at the \$1.40 rate to 2022 property tax levy, then the increase would have been 34% - calculated as follows:

$\$5.2\text{M (Difference between } \$1.40 \text{ Levy and 2022 Property Tax Levy)} / \$15.3\text{M (2022 Property Tax Levy)} = 34\%$

Thank you for your continued interest, and I hope that this helps to clarify how I reached my calculations.

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This will be added to public comment for tonight's meeting – Item 8(a).

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From: Jeff Dairiki <dairiki@dairiki.org>

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on July 18 Agenda: Resolution 492 - Levy Lid Lift

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Dear Sara Lane, Mayor, and City Council,

Sara, thank you for your response to my comments of last week.

As the council meeting is tonight, I have a few comments on Sara Lane's response. I have written these in a letter which I have attached below.

Please enter the attached letter as public comment on action item 8(a), Resolution 492, having to do with the Property Tax Levy Lid Lift, which is on the City Council Agenda for tonight, July 18, 2022.

Thank you!

Geoffrey Dairiki
North City, Shoreline, WA

On Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 12:25 PM City Council <Council@shorelinewa.gov> wrote:

Dear Geoffrey Dairiki,

Attached is a response from Sara Lane, Director of Administrative Services, to your recent email. A copy of both your email and the response have also been sent to the City Council and appropriate staff.

Heidi Costello

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to submit public comment on *action item 8(a)*, Resolution 492, having to do with the Property Tax Levy Lid Lift, which is on the *City Council Agenda for July 18, 2022*.

Once again, it seems to me, that the City is being reckless when it comes to setting and justifying a reasonable Levy Rate for the first year of the next Levy Lid Lift.

The full text of my public comment is attached as a PDF, below.

I would appreciate hearing any comments that you might have on them, and would also be happy to answer any questions you might have about my reasoning (or data sources.)

With my wife, I own a house in the North City neighborhood of Shoreline.

Respectfully,
Geoffrey Dairiki