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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to share my concerns with the 2 ordinances up for a Council review and vote on 5/16/23:

Ordinance No. 28885 (Amending Capital Budget) and Ordinance No: 28884 (Amendments to Operating Budget)

My concerns are: WHAT projects will NOT have funding available (or, a significant decrease with funding) with these amendments:

1. (i.e. PWK-00561 Water Flume Line Trail budget correction..(3 million dollars)..project not being funded?
2. East 64th Street McKinley-Portland Phase 2 plan (3 million dollars)..project not being funded?
3. "Special Capital Funds" #1140 (PWE Parks and Trails Reserve)...(\$2,932,736)...money not available in 'reserves'?

Also, please take note of areas or projects with significant increases with funding:

1. "Special Capital Funds" #1060 Transportation Capital and Engineering..\$11,533,149 increase (66% increase for what reasons?)
2. "Special Revenue Funds" #1100 PWF Property Management..an increase from \$468,238 to 2,397,801 (412% increase for what reasons?)
3. "Special Capital Funds"#3211 Capital Projects Fund...an increase from \$3,010,420 to \$4,857,378 (61% increase for what reasons?)

Lastly.. are funds being withheld..or, being taken away from long awaited projects located in the 'very low' and 'low' equity opportunity zones in Tacoma?? (Example:...in South Tacoma, is there now any funding available in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget to complete the last phase (Phase 3A & 3B) of the 'Water Flume Line Trail' in the South and South End neighborhoods in Tacoma? The 1, 2 and 4 phases of this project were completed greater than 4 years ago!) Plans for changes with Equity levels (planned improvements) of neighborhoods can not occur if funding is taken away for these improvements. This is why residents refer to South Tacoma as the "throw away" neighborhood in Tacoma. The City officials seem to think it is acceptable to locate (dump) large, harmful building projects in South Tacoma..and, then also withhold funding for previously planned projects. Residents in South Tacoma have requested zoning changes for years...get rid of the Heavy Industrial zoning for future projects..only to be ignored.

With these budget amendments (and other changes), please review what populations and neighborhoods are benefitting (or, consistently losing out) with these budget "adjustments".

Respectfully submitted
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