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Jeremy Ebersole submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE on 2021-05-26 4:00 PM - Special Public Hearing Amended 5/20/21 - Registration language for item 3, CCFN 210135, amended.

Item: 3. 210135 Communication relating to public comments on the allocation and distribution of ARPA funds.

eComment: ARPA funds represent an opportunity for us to invest in the restoration rather than demolition of City-owned homes. This would create rather than eliminate desperately needed affordable housing, return properties to productive use and the tax rolls rather than reduce them to empty lots, and support jobs. The historically high cost of lumber makes affordable housing through new construction more impossible than usual. By restoring older existing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing, we can make neighborhoods safer by bringing vacant homes back to life. Restoration is also environmentally friendly. Renovating an older home vs. tearing down and replacing with new construction has the effect of removing 93 cars from the road for a year. An internationally celebrated architect said “Demolishing is a decision of easiness and short term. It is a waste of many things — a waste of energy, a waste of material, and a waste of history. Moreover, it has a very negative social impact. It is an act of violence.” Let’s use this once in a generation funding to change the narrative from ‘why should this be saved?’ to ‘why should we throw this away?’.

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