

March 22, 2021

Participants of The Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee & Department Staff:

I am filing this correspondence to correct the record and offer some solutions from March 19, 2021 Public hearing. I was technically muted unable to speak, during the review of February 8, 2021 records corrections period. I have a request and corrections for the February 8, 2021 record as listed below.

Also as stated in the March 19, 2021 Public Hearing, "if City officials already know questions that have been asked, some since 2018 then The City should have answers now." Again I appeal that City representatives are prepared to answer and address the possible solutions, reflections and or questions that have been asked here and in the past.

1. February 8, 2021 notes #5 titled "Discussion relating to resources..." the last statement (7th) stating, "Council member asked that LRB..." should state; "Mr. Winston asked that LRB..."
2. The City should make available a list of ALL the trusted partners who are working on preventing displacement. Include an explanation what makes a partner "trusted" and how new partnerships are established as mentioned in February 8, 2021 notes, #5 2nd statement.
3. I viewed the 5 Points' 10-Point Anti-Displacement/Anti-Gentrification Plan (attached) it is one of the only plans submitted to us other than DCD's plan. I move that we enter it into the record, if it has not been already, that other City bodies received it and that we invite a 5 Points representative to our body to speak on their proposed solutions.
4. People should not lose homes over fines or fees! When can the City start to waive and or pay the fines and or fees that are not a tax? It has been done and should be implemented as an Anti-Displacement policy/program. That is, when such fines and or fees are not paid they are placed on the tax bill as a Special Assessments. It's clear the department has discretion in these matters there should be a program to identify people at risk and assist them with something The City Department can actually do.
5. I request a hard copy of our public meeting on DVD or removable drive.
6. Please share my phone number with fellow members so we can connect.
7. I have request this before to the City Attorney's office and ask again what steps can we take to ensure the integrity and rights of existing records members may have created and or possess before sworn in to this respected body? How do we make sure that information we possess belongs to us and not as a part of open records law?

As mandated in Council file #190670 it's my responsibility and duty to ask and share the following and to be placed in the public record for review.

Thank you


Shear Winston

Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee Member

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5 Points' "10-Point Anti-Displacement / Anti-Gentrification Plan"

- Tell the City to reject the \$400,000 in private funds from large private corporations, philanthropic organizations and other entities who are complicit in gentrification and, instead, utilize the **millions** in expiring Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") towards offsetting rising taxes for homeowners and small businesses
- Stop the expansion of the streetcar and re-allocate those millions in public funds to alleviate the financial distress caused by the downtown development and enhance the existing public transportation system.
- Grandfather the tax level and tax relief to family members or the rightful heirs of homeowners and small commercial property/business owners. This will reduce sending families into poverty and allow for generational wealth.
- Stop the predatory administering of property inspection violations. Provide financial relief options for owners to repair violations even with property tax delinquency up to 2 years.
- Require Elected Officials/Alderspersons to host community meetings within the subject neighborhood for all new developments entering the area. This includes commercial property transfers.
- Require the City to send detailed mailings to all residents and businesses within .25-mile radius of any development over \$1 million, receiving any City and State funding. The mailing must include a "Support" and "Oppose" option to be filled out and returned. Any un-returned mailings cannot be considered a vote of "Support". Determination of project support should be determined by majority rule of returned mailings.
- Business Improvement Districts ("BIDs") must comply with the same detailed mailing requirements to residents and businesses as required \$1 million developments, but within a .25-mile radius. The mailing must include a "Support" and "Oppose" option to be filled out and returned. Any un-returned mailings cannot be considered a vote of "Support". Determination of project support should be determined by majority rule of returned mailings. BID cannot redraw opposing submissions from its boundaries to manipulate results in its favor.
- Change BID origination, annexation, and dissolution laws to permit only one vote per property owner within planned, annexed, and existing BID boundaries. No inflated or devalued votes based on property assessments or quantity of amassed properties.
- Give residents, small area businesses, and neighborhood associations first rights of refusal towards purchasing city properties and vacant lots in their neighborhoods. Development should be controlled and fostered by the people residing and working daily in the immediate community so that growth occurs at a sustainable pace and they're not priced out of their communities.
- Affordable housing developments should be geared to creating immediate homeownership opportunities versus amassing rental units. This will allow residents true access to generational wealth opportunities and will stabilize neighborhoods.

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Date: _____