

FW: Dear Riverside Elected Officials

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The evening of Tuesday 9/8/15 a "Special Meeting" the day after Labor day was held at 3 p.m. to vote (?) on implementing very costly fees for certificate of appropriateness within the historic districts. I was made aware of it after the fact from a concerned citizen on the Nextdoor site. Therefore I as many where unable to attend.

In all fairness to the majority of voters who elected all of you into office it is only reasonable, and common courtesy to hold such important meetings at 7 p.m. when the largest amount of your constituents can attend, and give their allotted 3 minute speech as well in all due fairness to give us at the very least a weeks advance notice of these types of "special meetings". Many departments of Riverside have joined Nextdoor, and this is one great way of providing this type of information, and it would be greatly appreciated as a democratic form of compliance from the city council member board on every level to inform the residents of Riverside of such meetings.. Many hold full time employment therefore it is almost impossible for them to attend any such meeting of importance during normal working hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If given proper notice many constituents would in turn be able to put in notice to their employers for a day off, or request to leave early so they can attend. By your department not doing so sends a loud message that you are doing all you can to keep the public at bay, silence our voices, and in gross unfairness pass something like this into a go ahead. Which I can assure you do not have the backing of your constituents.

I'm myself have very limited computer skills. Be that as it may I do find the idea to begin a process to charge for certificate of appropriateness nothing more than a way to collect monies not just unfairly, but the costs suggested are plain high way robbery. To suggest that any group be formed to oversee who is to pay this or that amount for various projects simply is an unscrupulous way to use these monies for certificate of appropriateness to pay this new group of city employees. This is not only not needed, but shows very poor legal practice on the part of city officials. Please spare me the legal jargon as I hold no law degree as many do not, but we can very see, and read the writing on the wall which does not take one to be a rocket scientist. It's just many of us know who have lived her for decades have seen the many changes in so many areas, and the monies that have been collected for various projects or departments not used for them as indicated.

Quite honestly the city needs to take responsibility to use the already collected monies for the purposed for which they where intended, and please stop spending monies we do not have on completely unnecessary costly projects. We have already seen far to many of those, and are paying for them in so many ways.

When we moved into ward 1 decade ago we honestly had no idea this was considered a historic area, but we have done all we can, and some to make, and keep our home look very nice, and add to the appeal of the neighborhood. We are growing older, and will be completely retired in less than 7 months which will greatly reduce our income, and while we live very simply we will absolutely not be able to afford the suggested fees being suggested in regards to this subject. I'm sure we are not alone in this limited, and for some almost no budget in living pay check to pay check with no savings. So if you penalize your

constituents to pay exorbitant fees for these certificate of appropriateness than you in turn unfairly will not allow many of not to be able to afford basic upkeep, and then because of that you will then code, and fine us. This is so un American, and just plain wrong. There is plenty wrong with this whole approach.

Please bring yourselves to do what is right on behalf of the majority of your constituents by not voting for this. Prove to the people you do listen to our appeals, and that they do not fall on deaf ears, and all ready made up minds.

Thank you for you time. May God guide your decisions, and have you all work together for help those of us who are doing our part to keep Riverside beautiful.

God's Speed,
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P.S. "Riverside Pride" is only possible by fairly representing each, and everyone of us. The working class to the fixed income residents of Riverside (my native city) to be the best it can be, but always done with democracy for us all.