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	Commissioner Fish
Subject:	RE: 577 & 578 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Improve land use and other City regulations through the Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 6 – Technical Amendments (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales; amend Code Title 16 and Title 33) 3 hours

Good Morning Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

RE: <u>577</u> **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** – Improve land use and other City regulations through the Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 6 – Technical Amendments (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales; amend Code Title 16 and Title 33) 3 hours requested for items 577-578

I am asking you to support Southeast Uplift Board of Directors and others request to removed RICAP 6 #12, #13, #14 from the BDS housekeeping list, so this can be fully vetted.

My concerns as follows:

Officer Paul Van Orden does not have enough specificity in the current Code to enable him in regulating loud voices between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. How are the families in our Residential areas going to keep their neighborhoods quiet in the evenings if the City allows Bed and Breakfast businesses up and down the street? No back-yard activities, such as, playing cards, drinking, visiting to late hours, as Susan Pearce mentioned happens often over the hedge next to her bedroom. The Noise Control Officer(s) -- need for tools (fines) to enforce it between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. B&B operators must bring their short term renters in the house at 10:00 p.m.

April 22, The Planning and Sustainability hearing on Short Term Rentals was a circus where the AirBNB folks were invited up to testify in mass and given 10 minutes to discuss their platform. The Neighborhood Associations were NOT given the same courtesy. Such dismissive behavior by the Commission as your appointed body speaks volumes. It is obvious that the Commission and the Council choose to disregard the opinions of the neighborhoods. How are you as our representatives going to turn this around? Simply by pulling it off the "housekeeping list" to allow ample time it be thoroughly vetted by stakeholders.

The time has come that the Public Involvement Principles be adopted by Ordinance for implementation in all the all the Bureaus, Boards, Commissions, and the City Council itself. This is the only way those new to their position will understand the gravity, the importance that public involvement needs to play in all decision-making. Effective Public Involvement is the cornerstone and essential in our ability to build trust in our relationship with each of you serving on City Council.

1. Separating Short Term Rentals from the RICAP 6 hearing process. If approved today, it is a blatant move to rezone Residential properties as Commercial. Please this issue must be broadly discussed as it will be a major legislative change both in the City Charter and Comp Plan.

2. Scheduling time to drive through our neighborhoods and speak with our Neighborhood Association representatives on a regular basis. We are being barraged by apartment development, studies, and nuisance violations such that many of our volunteers are overwhelmed. We need better coordination between the Bureaus so they collaborate in holding joint public involvement activities. Help us in understanding how other

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neighborhoods are best handling issues such as apartments with no parking, collaboration on urban design, and demolitions. We need more staff helping us in these areas.

3. Third, Neighborhood Association Land Use Committees need your assistance to push back on Developers submitting a demolition and building permit at the same time. BDS Planners are fully aware of the 45-days to 60-days depending on the date two permits are submitted -- for neighborhood associations to notify general membership vote will be taken.

In closing, I am asking each of you to support the Southeast Uplift, CNN, as well as individuals here today, asking the RICAP 6 #12, #13, #14 1-2 bedroom short-term rentals be pulled from the BDS housekeeping list, so it can be fully vetted.

RE: <u>578</u> Improve land use regulations related to accessory short-term rentals through the Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 6 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales; amend Code Title 3 and Title 33)

As for the Improve land use regulations related to accessory detached units (ADU) -- please understand that SEUL did not have time to review ADU to take a position.

I am asking that too be pulled from the housekeeping list for vetting. Why? Short of stronger language written in the amended Code Title 3 and Title 33 Ordinance, home owners could also rent ADU like short-term rentals, thereby losing affordable housing.

Respectfully,

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