

Davis, Meghaan

From: John Murphy <johnmurphy4463@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Davis, Meghaan
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting Testimony 4/22/2020

Sure thing.

I would like to address "resetting" our budget process (post-pandemic) to include things like alternative revenue streams and a multi-year budget approach. My current version would be something along these lines:

The Mayor's Budget is scheduled out this spring, in the midst of recovering from the COVID-19 crisis. Recent past austerity budgets have resulted in increases for some bureaus and constituents but drastic cuts for many of the city social services for the working class. Portlanders realize that we have an opportunity to reshape our thinking about funding city government and essential services. We can emerge from this pivotal period using the same logic and methods that our city has been using for years yet doesn't allow for preparing for a crisis. Or we can think about implementing innovative fixes to this system - a multi-year budget cycle, progressive "Tax the Rich"-style structures, a municipal bank, and municipal ownership of utilities, like the electric grid or broadband internet. New, progressive initiatives like these would keep local money in our city instead of adding to the coffers of out-of-state shareholders and multi-national corporations.

Many of Portland's working-poor residents were living paycheck to paycheck before the shutdown of the economy and now, more than ever, need expanded services at low cost to get back on their feet. As we all strive to reach the other side, we have a choice: pick up on the old, inequitable systems or start fresh, employing new policy ideas for a new world. This crisis gives us an opening to start fresh, funding services for the homeless and the working-class, to provide the support needed to rebuild our lives. Portland is seen as a national leader progressive living and our response to this crisis gives us a chance to prove that status.

Thanks
John

On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 04:06:42 PM PDT, Davis, Meghaan <meghaan.davis@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Would you mind giving me a few sentences about your topic?

Thank you –

Meghaan Davis

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Subject: Re: City Council Meeting Testimony 4/22/2020

Meghaan,

Yes, please put me down for May 13th meeting.

Thanks again for helping,

John Murphy

On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 01:11:45 PM PDT, Davis, Meghaan <meghaan.davis@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We are withdrawing you from the testimony spot for tomorrow.

For communications you would only get 3 minutes to speak about the subject of your choosing, we currently have open availability on May 13th, May 20th and May 27th

Do any of those dates sound good to you.

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Request of John Murphy to address Council regarding resetting budget process to include alternative revenue streams and a multi-year approach (Communication)

May 13, 2020

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