

Written Testimony Submissions - Agenda Item 465/433

Agenda Item	Attachment	Name	Position	Comments	Created
433	No	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the extension of this grant authority. I believe an audit and analysis of the expenditures made under this ordinance so far is absolutely necessary before any additional funding is released. I urge you to consider that the efficacy of each public expenditure you approve will be weighed against the potential benefits of expenditures you have to forgo.</p>	05/30/23 12:38 PM
465 (433)	No	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>Community Safety Division officials and council members have acknowledged that this funding is drawn from federal sources (regardless of stated memos on interagency transfers). This authority has been exercised to execute contracts which violate federal restrictions on these dollars. I urge council members to consider their personal liability before consenting to an extension of this arrangement.</p>	06/06/23 11:50 AM
465 (433)	No	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>This proposal shocks the conscience.</p> <p>The Council is advancing a cash grab by ineffectual not-for-profits. Under this regime, not-for-profits (sometimes multiple not-for-profits controlled by the same party or parties) which will be free to apply for \$500K grant for federal ARPA funds without having to demonstrate a budget or how they will prudently allocate public funds to "reduce gun violence."</p> <p>While we're at it, is there any data to support that the not-for-profits that have previously received public funds have actually reduced gun violence?</p> <p>Does the Council really think this much federal funding should be distributed without meaningful oversight other than a rubber stamp by a funding czar, the Community Safety Director?</p> <p>If this gets passed, note that taxpayers intend to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice's Public Integrity Unit.</p>	06/06/23 8:53 PM