

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 883/845

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845	Jake Dockter, community member	Oppose	<p>Hello council,</p> <p>The community has been advocating for transparency and asking to participate for so long. My goal is not to claim some grand conspiracy theory or claim corruption but to ask why we continue to see the same obfuscation from the city?</p> <p>It has become a pattern and seemingly, the status quo. Things get pushed through for large values and the city has to sit with it. It is possible LAW TMR is a great advocate but that is not my concern. Why is the city seeing to spend 2 million dollars while advocacy groups and dedicated members of our community have no info on who this party is? While the city attorneys work may be in court rooms and as the item says, be confidential... The budget and our dollars are ours and the community seems to have little involvement into how and who and why?</p> <p>I am glad some community advocacy orgs raised the questions about this expenditure and the fact that folks had to dig for info shows that Mayor Wheeler and city attorneys office didn't think to provide it in advance.</p> <p>We saw similar with ShotSpotter. We see similar with Zenith. And while this instance may not illegal or malicious or intended to exclude, people keep having to pry info out to understand. That's not participatory. That's not community focused. That doesn't prioritize the supposed community values.</p> <p>Can you tell us how we show up? Why is the status quo that the community has to wade through smoke and mirrors to be informed?</p>	No	10/09/23 2:14 PM

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