

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Schwab Mary Ann <e33maschwab@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:34 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Pearce Susan
Subject: Fwd: Holiday sweaters -- \$170,000 Mayor Charlie Hales *800 Authorize a grant to Portland Business Alliance for Downtown Marketing Initiative Holiday promotions for \$170,000 (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested

whoops, I nearly forgot to address this email to your attention.
 Thanks,
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The City Council just emerged from months of work to make the right budget decisions, she said, a process that resulted in cutting the downtown initiative. "Did we just decide that wasn't the right decision?" she asked. "If so, lets go back and reopen things because I've got a couple things that I didn't get in that budget that I'd like to put on the table."

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In closing, I am asking my dearest friends to join in this "discussion" by e-mailing your comments: to spend or not to spend \$170,000 on blue holiday sweaters to:

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