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Subject: RE: Overtime memorandum and comment on proposed subsidy for Parking Ramp

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Commissioners,

I wanted to express my gratitude to staff for their excellent analysis of the overtime issue. I found the July 2010 report on overtime to be very well written and illuminating:

http://www.ci.lawrence.ks.us/web_based_agendas/2010/11-16-10/11-16-10h/overtime_061710_dave_cover_memo_on_overtime.html

As I have long suspected, it seems that both the Solid Waste Division and police department have overtime practices and rates that warrant a closer look. I am encouraged to see directed efforts on this issue. I encourage the Commission to move forward with the recommendations made by staff, and develop a consistent city-wide overtime policy.

In regard to the pending development of an apartment/office building downtown, and the developer's request for a subsidy for parking, I think the commission should proceed very carefully. By providing a subsidy for this developer, the Commission would set a dangerous precedent. While I wholeheartedly support infill and redevelopment, in this case, I do not think that this developer really needs or frankly deserves the subsidy. I also think that the parking ramp in question carries with it a legacy of past public subsidy which has given many in this community heartburn for a long time. Please don't make the situation worse by further squandering taxpayer assets.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments.

Please know that I am grateful for your service to the City, and also for the good work of City staff.

Thanks.

Laura Routh