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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: a few thoughts about Mr. Compton's request

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To the Commissioners and City Manager Corliss:

I read with great disgust a newspaper story about Mr. Compton's request for the city to give his proposed development parking spaces in the city garage and fund portions of the infrastructure improvements he wants or needs for his project.

STOP FUNDING DEVELOPERS PET PROJECTS. If they think a project is good enough to build, let them find their own damn funding. He's wrecked enough of downtown by driving rents through the roof. Does the city really need more empty office and retail space? He can't fill the space he already owns!

City funds are used for the development of city projects, not to make it easier for fat cats to spend less. There has been for too long a "socialize the risk, privatize the benefits" attitude with taxpayer funds.

And if you proceed with his request, please put it to a public vote. If we're called upon to vote for infrastructure expenditures like sewer bonds issues, library improvements and public transportation, then the least you can do is allow us to express our collective displeasure to voting down taxpayer-funded subsidies for private developments.

Thanks for time and consideration.

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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: Overtime memorandum and comment on proposed subsidy for Parking Ramp

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

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