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Subject: RE: agenda item 2

To: City Commissioners
From: Patricia Sinclair
Re: regular agenda item 2
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Please do not increase the parking meter fee. We had an increase of a dollar a few years ago, and this is going too far, in my opinion.

We are all stakeholders in this process, not just downtown establishments. We are making the assumption that this will lead to fewer overtime parking violations, with no basis that that is true.

A jump to \$5 is outrageous when you consider the fact that we have lost much public parking previously available, that shopping or a meal can last longer than the meter allows, and getting stuck with a ticket probably will not encourage patrons to return, it is almost impossible to read some of the meters as to time, coins accepted, hours and days of operation, etc.

Should an ordinary citizen be denied parking downtown, and thus really access to downtown for the most part, or pushing cars further into residential areas, because new mega-buildings are coming and need the spaces?

Comm. Herbert has called people who do not get parking tickets "law-abiding", Let's see a list of the frequent offenders.

I can't remember the last time I got a ticket, but, then, I seldom go downtown anymore except for the bank, p.o, and necessary errands.

Why not bring back enforcement of the law against u-turns on mass. and at p.o.?

Thank you.