

Lucinda Berkhold [REDACTED]: Maintain on what voters put on with Measure Y and move the money somewhere else and do not go forward with what the City is trying to do.

Sherie Wood – [REDACTED]: request that the CC put the \$500,00 transit plan to public discussion before passed.

Caller for Eleassia Davis – public debate on the Y issue

Ellen Firman Penrod [REDACTED] - Dan Arriola – CC is trying to get around a Measure we voted on regarding public transit and am against it. That half million dollars on public transit should be moved to public agenda. No reason to be snuck around on.

From: [Dino Margaros](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Council](#); [Jenny Haruyama](#)
Subject: City Council Agenda - Item 1.D (March 2, 2021)
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:20:47 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Dino Margaros

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March 2, 2021

City Council
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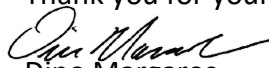
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Dino Margaros
Executive Director

From: Ally Arroyo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:12 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Consent Calendar Item 1.D: Downtown Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Young and Council Members,

I am writing to ask that the March 2nd Agenda Item 1.D be removed from the consent calendar and moved to the Regular Agenda. The amendment to the DeNovo contract that will allocate nearly \$500,000 of taxpayer dollars needs to have a public hearing. There are a number of reasons for the request for a hearing.

First, the Downtown Transit-Oriented Development Specific Plan has direct ties to the most recent failed Measure Y. The majority of Tracy voters rejected the proposal of circumventing Measure A with dense housing around downtown areas. There were too many questions surrounding Measure Y, just as there are too many questions around this Plan. What were the deliverables from the original DeNovo contract for over \$200,000? There are land owners that stand to benefit from this Plan; why aren't these land owners paying for the studies? These land owners are getting a free-pass with the City doing all the work for them.

Further, should the City be spending this type of money when there are budget shortfalls because of COVID? Is this the best use of the money for something that is not guaranteed? This seems like a reckless use of taxpayer monies despite the reimbursements that proposal says will happen.

The public deserves more information surrounding the Downtown TOD Specific Plan. The issue should be noticed. Right now this looks like a backroom deal. Please give the people a voice. Thank you.

Regards,

Ally Arroyo
Tracy

Agenda Item 1.D

Dear Mayor and Council:

Council Member Vargas has pushed the City to take the lead with the Downtown TOD plan arguing that there are no development plans for the area. However, there is a Conceptual Site Plan for the Sandhu Brothers from last year. It shows the development of four Villages within the Downtown TOD Specific Plan area.

Why are these Sandhu Brothers' properties even included in the Specific Plan area? Why are the Sandhu Brothers not paying the DeNovo fees? What was the involvement of the Sandhu Brothers in regards to the TOD and Measure Y? Why does Council Member Vargas continue to deny that the Sandhu Brothers are not involved with the TOD Specific Plan? What else is Vargas hiding from the public?

The public deserves full transparency on this matter! Additional public hearings must be scheduled on the Downtown Transit-Oriented Development Specific Plan before any additional taxpayer dollars are spent on it.

Thanks, J.T. Rodgers

Agenda Item 1.D

From: Jim Bozeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Items from the Audience/Public Comment- Agenda item 1.D Downtown Transit-Oriented Specific Plan

The Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I'm following-up on my questions posed to Council Member Vargas at the last city council meeting. She has not responded publicly.

Are you currently or in the past been employed by local developer Mike Sandhu or any of Mr. Sandhu's businesses or affiliations? Are you currently or in the past been employed by local developer Mike Sandhu's relatives, specifically his daughter Jasmine Sandhu?

The public has a right to know! Why won't you tell the public?

Sincerely,

Jim Bozeman
Tracy, CA

AGENDA ITEM 1.D

-----Original Message-----

From: JimF <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:26 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Cc: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>;

Veronica Vargas <veronica.vargas@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia

Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Re item 1D on CONSENT CALENDAR 3/2/21 agenda

With the November vote on Measure Y, the people of Tracy have stated their unambiguous opposition to trains running through the center of town, and transit oriented development downtown, this vote was pushed in the local press repeatedly:

“Voters to have a say in future shape of Downtown Tracy” (July 24, 2020) “Council affirms ballot language for downtown development measure”

(July 31, 2020)

“Measure Y supporters say Valley Link stop hinges on November vote”

(September 4, 2020)

The ballot title for Measure Y was as follows:

“Shall the City of Tracy adopt an ordinance exempting development projects in transit oriented development areas near commuter rail (e.g. Valleylink)”

The voters said NO by a 55-45 margin. The council has already spent

\$200,000 of taxpayer money for consulting and reports. Now they want to devote an additional \$300,000 to this boondoggle. The entire Valleylink project is inefficient and wasteful. There is no need to build a new rail system, with separate management, separate tracks, separate ticketing, running to a different location in Tracy! Stop this nonsense.

Jim Freeman, Tracy resident

Agenda Item 1.D

-----Original Message-----

From: Ramona Confer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Tracy City Council Item 1D on Consent Calendar March 2, 2021

My name is Ramona Confer. I have been a resident of Tracy since purchasing a home here in 2008. We reside near the Historic Downtown District. I am referring to this area as such as this seems to be forgotten. The residents of the Southside Community also seem to be forgotten. Or should I say that there is a motive to rid Tracy of its roots and replace with development. Development in the mistaken ideals of bringing in jobs and Bay Area Residents. Which brings us to money. Yes I am addressing developers and city officials, including Planning Commissions and City Managers. You can NOT eliminate the core of a city this way. I will voice my opposition as you seem to think GENTRIFICATION is the way to proceed. I disagree. This can actually lead to blight and crime. Not to mention the environmental impact that isn't even mentioned.

I also want to address the lack of transparency of even putting this on the agenda. The majority of citizens are not aware of this due to the lack of communication. I believe that public hearings at the very least should be done.

Measure Y was soundly defeated, so the majority of residents will think that this is over. There also seems to me to be a conflict of interest with the Board, Valley Link, and this Item 1D.

A Developer on the Board with a personal agenda is NOT acceptable.

Thank you,

Ramona Confer

Agenda Item 1.D

From: Robert Smith [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Items from the Audience/Public Comment- Consent Item 1D

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am disappointed to see the City try to sneak through a half million dollar contract extension to DeNovo to develop Council Member Vargas' Downtown TOD plan. Didn't the majority of voters speak out against Vargas' plan by rejecting Measure Y in November? Shouldn't all residential components of the Downtown TOD plan be removed? At least those that are not designated TOD residential?

There are too many questions and too little transparency surrounding this service agreement extension with DeNovo. It needs to be removed from the Consent Calendar and rescheduled for a Regular Agenda Item at a later date. The public needs to be noticed sufficiently! More information needs to be provided so that people can digest the information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Smith

Agenda Items 1.D and 1.E

From: Chrystena Rockett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Consent Calendar March 02, 2021

I am writing in regards to 2 items on tonight's Consent Calendar.

I would like to suggest that Council table items 1D & 1E for further discussion/clarification.

1D goes against the will of the residents/voters, 1E looks like changes to the General Plan Guidelines and amending the GMO.

Neither of these items seem to be routine.

The consent calendar shouldn't be used to force approval of items through a process that eliminates its review.

Thank you,

Chrystena Gonzaga
[REDACTED]

Agenda 1.D and 1.E

From: Geri F <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:50 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Consent calendar 1D and 1E

Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council Members;

I believe that the City of Tracy voted against this which entitled Measure Y which is 1D on this calendar. If the people of Tracy voted "NO" why are you trying to circumvent that vote. This is not only unethical but irresponsible for you to try and get this done against the will of the very people you serve. 1E is trying to go around Measure A. Didn't voters say "NO" on this also. I believe what is happening is that you have to remember that you work for the residents of the City of Tracy, they are the constituents that put you in office for the betterment of Tracy interests and not to serve your own agendas. We expect better from this council in terms of transparency and ethical behavior and will not accept anything less than your honesty, integrity and transparency moving forward.

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Geri Martin Featherston

Agenda 1.D & 1.E

From: Richard English <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Web - City Clerk <CityClerk@cityoftracy.org>; Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Consent calendar Item 1.d and 1 E

Mayor and city council

I urge you do not make any decisions on both of these items, This will effect our community and the public input is important. Not everyone is on social media and able to call or have access to council in such a short notice.

TOD, regardless what happen in July 2020, the task was completed, the TOD went to the voters. It clearly states the Valley link on this item and should not be included. The Valley link has not made a commitment to Tracy and Tracy has no say on where the train stops, Using the GMO to go around Measure A and the voters voted down Measure Y, which is the TOD. This is not a priority, we have GMO in place, downtown has Housing and apartments, business, we have over 1700 units. Please vote this down, wait until we pass covid and give the public time to participate , open up chambers. Take this to the public first. As Elected official you took an oath, some of council forget they serve the citizens, not for special interest and personal agenda. Thank you

AGENDA ITEM 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: Catherine Espitia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Slow Growth

Hello Tracy City Council,

I am not sure who put Item 1E in the consent calendar for tomorrow's meeting but I want to voice my opposition.

Tracyites want Slow Growth. We don't want any end go arounds to circumvent the will of the people.

Please do not even consider tampering with Measure A. We implemented Measure A for a reason. We want slow growth. Period.

I am sad that Council would even consider this item. It tells me the Council is not sensitive to its constituents. Please step up and show you hear the will of the people.

Thank you.

Cathy Espitia

Sent from my iPhone

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Shenk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: City Growth

Please slow down the building. No new growth is my vote if it matters at all. Debbie Shenk

Sent from my iPhone

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: DENECE VINCENT <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Measure A

The majority of Tracy voters have repeatedly confirmed that they prefer slow growth. The measure to be discussed tonight is just another end run around the will of the same voters who elected you all!. No! We don't want a bunch much re houses crammed in so developers can get richer! What we want (and have wanted for years) is for our infrastructure to catch up with the needs of current residents. Fix our traffic problems. Add better recreational opportunities. Improve our schools. THEN come back about squashing in an unrelated 6600 new dwellings!

We voted you in.
We can vote you out.

Denece Vincent
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: Grace Gualco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:37 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Question for Mrs. Vargas

My question is for Mrs. Vargas.

I am wondering why you continue to push and go around measure A? The city of Tracy residents already voted down measures M and Y.

Are you not listening to your constituents and what WE want or is it that you just don't care?

Stop pushing your selfish agenda and start listening to the people you should be working for- the residents of Tracy!

Grace Gualco

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Weaving <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Slow Growth Down

Your making another attempt at passing Measure A? I see Tracy City Council hasn't wasted any time. We already shot down Measure Y in November, Measure M in 2018, and Measure A in 2000. Did you not see the population increase between 1990 and 2010, from 33,558 to 82,922 residents. Why aren't you listening to what voters want? The voters have already spoken, repeatedly, demanding SLOW GROWTH. But instead, the city council continues to spend taxpayer monies in an attempt to circumvent what the voters want!!! STOP spending our money on growing the population! The City of Tracy can't handle the population is currently has due to lack of infrastructure and lack good paying jobs. Focus on slow growth and build a quality community, with focus on good paying jobs that can support the housing prices and infrastructure that is severely lacking!

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: JimF <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 3:45 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Cc: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>;

Veronica Vargas <veronica.vargas@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia

Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: re item 1E CONSENT calendar 3/2/21 agenda

Really? Again? Another end run on Measure A? The Tracy City Council wasted no time. Measure Y shot down 55-45 in November. Measure M blasted away by 75%+ of voters in 2018. Measure A (slow growth) approved by 56% in 2000.

Between 1990 and 2010, Tracy population increased by 147 percent from

33,558 to 82,922 residents. Was there no lesson learned? Do you misunderstand what voters want?

The voters have spoken, repeatedly, demanding SLOW GROWTH. But still, the city council spends taxpayer \$\$ frivolously attempting to circumvent the will of the voters. STOP spending on faster growth! Maintain slow growth and build a quality community, focus on jobs and infrastructure, NOW!

Jim Freeman, Tracy

Agenda Item 1.E

From: Melissa Simpson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: NO to Public Ballot Initiative to Amend Slow Growth Initiative

Mayor and City Council Members:

I am providing my comment for public for the City Council upcoming meeting. I have been a resident of this town for nearly 23 years, but Tracy has been a home to me long before that as I've had close family in town for many years before that.

It's not clear to me what this hard push is to amend our Slow Growth Initiative. Could it be power and money, just as every other politician before you? Our only real growth in this town, since I've been here, has been homes. Nothing but houses, houses and more houses. That's fine, but as we citizens have said before, it has to be smart growth. The reason every initiative gets shot down by the citizens is because the growth is not thoughtfully planned. The infrastructure is not thoughtfully planned. Never has been - it's why the Slow Growth Initiative exists. We have every two lane road on the outskirts of town packed with traffic because of this.

You're a new City Council but you're not listening to us. We said no to Measure Y, we said no to Measure M, we said YES to Measure A. Over and over again, we say YES to Measure A. We have a plethora of businesses that fold up, close up, end it all, with a ghost town mall (even pre-pandemic). Why don't we do something about 11th Street - something other than add another liquor store or vape shop (across from a High School no less).

You could learn something from Pleasanton - it has a really good thought out plan with the Hacienda Business Park consisting of high quality businesses that bring high quality jobs, services that are easily accessible by citizens and quality living structures that feed into those businesses and services. Take a page from Livermore. What they've done with their downtown is outstanding. They revamped their First Street, it was a huge success and THENNNNN they built quality living structures in the area. Affordable living structures, no, but you get the point.

A new City Council and you still seem to have your teeth sunk in to finding a way to shut down our Measure A. Keep trying, but again, you're not listening to us. The great thing about "us", is that we are a single voice with the power to shoot down yet another ballot measure. Measure M should have taught you that, Measure Y should have taught you that. You aren't paying attention to our voice, but we certainly are paying attention to yours.

Regards,

Melissa Simpson
Tracy Resident

Agenda Item 1.E

From: Michael Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:50 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Who is behind this

Task 5. Ballot Measure PlaceWorks will assist City staff and legal counsel to prepare a ballot initiative for voter consideration to amend the City's Residential Growth Management Ordinance to allow additional market-rate residential dwelling units for projects that include a specified a percentage of affordable units, and/or to count Residential Growth Allotments on a per-building basis rather than a per-unit basis, thereby allowing a greater number of multi-family units to be constructed per year. PlaceWorks will supply technical expertise regarding planning issues; drafting of the actual ballot measure will be the responsibility of the City's legal counsel.

Regarding the above, as a citizen of Tracy, Ca. I would like to know who or what corporation is behind this push for circumventing Measure A. The citizens have spoken and still believe in slow growth. Quality of life isn't going to improve with the above scheme. If you look around the City, neighborhoods like mine have been neglected. We pay fees to keep up the landscaped areas and plant material is left to die and not be replaced. This has been going on for years. The City doesn't even follow up when contacted.

I once lived in Union City, Ca. and the school district would put to vote school bond measures and when they didn't pass they tried a couple years later. We had a bond that was going to expire and the tactic that was used was vote to pass the bond and it won't increase your property tax. Well the scheme was you would just continue to pay the same rate if it passed. How stupid was that. So putting ideas to a vote also works when the people you vote for turn out to be controlled by land developers, they get recalled or have a short council career. I will support those who want what the people want and that is affordable housing not market rate housing, a city where our children can afford to live and raise a family. Too much outside money comes in and inflates the cost of housing. So I ask, why build something that can't be maintained. Take care of what we have, complete projects that benefit the people, improve roads, parks, landscape areas. Don't be misguided.

Thanks for reading my thoughts,
Michael Gonzalez

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: Mom <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:17 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Growth

STOP THE GROWTH !!!! No more housing!!! We don't want or need it . Bring in more new business!

Peg Abell
Sent from my iPad

Agenda Item 1.E

From: Shannon Vargas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:28 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 3/2 - Item 1E

To Whom It May Concern,

Why are we considering yet ANOTHER proposal for low income housing - or housing in general? We voted against this TWICE. I am not OK with my tax dollars being spent on this. Please explain why this is being considered for a third time.

Sincerely,
Shannon Vargas

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: wendy Tocchini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:44 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item 1E

Several years ago a group of us got together and spread the word about the city's plan to try and over rule Measure A that was passed 20 years ago. The voters overwhelmingly said, "NO" to Measure M! It did not pass by a slim vote; it passed by a huge percentage!

Recently the city tried again to ignore Measure A and attempted to pass Measure V. That also failed because the voters said no to additional housing!

Now you are trying to again ignore the voters wishes. Do you really think we don't understand that changing the way houses are counted is not going to allow a huge increase in housing! Changing the count from each home/unit to each subdivision is just ridiculous.

Please reconsider this plan and don't waste Tracy's budget money on this!
Sent from my iPad

Agenda Item 1.E

-----Original Message-----

From: wendy Tocchini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Cc: wendy Tocchini <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda item 1E

Several years ago a group of us got together and fought off developers wanting to bypass Measure A by exempting themselves from the Growth Ordinance. Measure M was shot down by 75% of the voters!

Yet the city council consulted with developers and tried to exempt the builders again with Measure V. Voters also said "No" to that attempt to avoid the Growth Management Ordinance!

Now the city council is trying again! We see through the council trying to change the GMO allotment from a specific number of homes/apartments to the same number of subdivisions! Please don't insult our intelligence! We don't want an increase of homes to be built!

Wendy Tocchini

Sent from my iPad

Agenda Item 3.B

From: John Paxton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Regular Agenda Item 3.B SSJCF A

I am writing to encourage the Mayor and City Council to accept the fiscal report for the South County Fire Authority. The report did not find any significant fiscal impacts that aren't par-for-the-course for fire or police personnel. Under Fire Chief Bradley, the Authority is living up to its expectations. Tracy and the surrounding rural areas are in good hands under his watch. In my opinion, this issue has been fully vetted and we need to stop spending additional taxpayer dollars on something that is working and makes sense to complete. Thank you.

John
Tracy, CA

Agenda Item 3.B

From: TCBELLA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 3B

I support the partnership with Rural board and our FD. And to proceed and accept the status to the fire employee transition plan to stand alone with SSJCFA.

If Fire Department goes with the stand alone, the overall benefits will be greater and our City of Tracy will gain. We will lose out if we don't. The residents deserve to have the best level of service, our safety and our peace of mind. If the JPA breaks away, we will be losing a fire station. South Tracy will be in jeopardy and it risks our lives. The Homeowners are paying property taxes: 80% of our taxes go to county, we get 20%. Since the Rural Fire is County, our taxes will continue to keep all of our paramedics. At full build out with the stand alone, will generate \$20 million every year, instead of est. \$130,000 from the city. The benefits for stand alone outweighs the minimal impact of city umbrella.

Our FD has trained paramedics on every truck, something we cannot afford to lose. The rural should not have to stay under the City umbrella, instead with the JPA a true partnership with the city, we will still have two council members at the seat on the board.

Mayor, council, please go forward and accept the stand alone. It's your duty to the residents of Tracy and our safety.

Thank you.

Juan

Agenda Item 3.B

From: Richard English <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda item 3.B SSJCFA

Mayor and City Council, Agenda Item #3B

Thank you for taking my comment. I think this plan to stand alone is a good concept and I am of support of this. I hope the city council approves going forward, That the City truly partners with Rural Fire and allow the fire employee transition plan to happen.

Not only will this benefit Tracy long term, but will greatly impact our city if you choose not to and loose potentially **millions of dollars every year**, since my property taxes go to the county, which keeps 80%. The citizens of Tracy have a voice on this important issue. We have the best Fire department and paramedics , the citizens of Tracy deserve to keep both city and rural fire working together for our safety and quality of life. I encourage you to allow our FD to stay with rural fire under the same umbrella. This is the best concept for Tracy's safety now and in our future. If you choose not to allow this will be detrimental financially and effect the safety, quality of life to the residents and our city for years to come. Thank you. Richard,

Agenda Item 3.B

From: Tracy First <[REDACTED]>

Date: March 2, 2021 at 4:36:02 PM PST

To: City of Tracy

Subject: Agenda item 3B

would like to share some concerns.

Consider having staff analyze the many unknown cost and contracting back for services to avoid duplication of staff salaries. Consider a cost effective solution for fire services .

I would like to point out the recommendation from the independent consultant is to Hold and Pause. Consider requesting staff to go back and analyze other possible service models, like Stockton that contracts to service the unincorporated areas. Consider having staff analyze the many unknown cost and contracting back for services to avoid duplication of staff salaries. Consider a cost effective solution.

Agenda Item 3.C

From: Justin Alvarez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:24 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3.C

My name is Justin Marc Alvarez. For a long time, we have turned a blind eye to the problem of unhoused people in our city. We cannot keep avoiding this and hope that someone else will deal with the issue of chronic homelessness. I'm proud that our city has begun taking steps to address this problem and thank you to former-Councilmember Ransom and Councilmember Arriola for introducing the homelessness strategic plan.

Our council has a huge opportunity to continue implementing this plan with the construction of the shelter on Arbor Road. A shelter is a great first step and gives the community an opportunity to implement strategies to get people into homes. Our shelter should become a model for communities across the Valley and become a place where unhoused individuals can be redirected to services rather than continually being ridiculed by our community. I support the council's investment in this project and hope that with further continuation, we can ensure our unhoused population are treated with dignity and feel pride to call Tracy their home.

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