Mayor Sam Katz, Councillors

Hi, I am here to speak against the budget. I am a layman a senior

I feel there is no need for a $7 million dollar hotel and water park. I can understand why Mayor Sam Katz wants it. I understand it is right beside his ball park. Mayor Katz must do what he said he would and sell off the Winnipeg Goldeyes. I can not stand people saying something they will do and then not doing it. This is very cheap and unfair. Mayor Sam Katz, you have done this. If this hotel is built he stands to make a lot of money from it. Back off, Mayor Sam Katz, before you make a promise think about it seriously prior to going in with both feet. Just some advice from someone who has done a lot of things and led a lot of battles. I have been there and done that. Will you please tell me and the public why have not kept your word. When you were elected you promised to sell the Winnipeg Goldeyes you have not done this. I want to know why? Now he is one of the pushers of this hotel. I am not surprised. He should immediately back down and not have anything more to do with this hotel. He should sell the Winnipeg Goldeyes and live up to his name. I do not like people who can not stand up to their word. That includes you, Mayor Katz. If you are wanting to win the next election as mayor you have a long ways to go. You are losing a lot of popular vote especially because of these two activities of yours. I am talking about the budget and in particular the motion against the 20 cent increase in the bus far where I spoke three times against it. That was the first three times I ever made speeches in City Hall but I am disgusted with Mayor Same Katz and people who stand up and vote for this $7 million dollar hotel. If this money was spent for renovating the other hotels in down town Winnipeg there could be a lot more of the hotels fixed. Do you care? The same thing goes for the people who stand up beside you. We will

remember who you worked for and with you! We, the people, voted for you in the last election. What is done can also be undone. There is always someone else to vote for! This must come as a big surprise to you! The next election will be October 2014. We will keep track of how you vote on different issues. I am mad about this issue and others.
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I apologize for going on the rampage but this type of thing really makes me mad.

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let my people down. I have always stood up for them.

In conclusion it is my belief that we do not need and most people do not want another new $7 million dollar hotel at the Forks. What we need do is renovate the existing hotels and modernize them. We do not need to compete against cities for the biggest and best water park and hotel. We do not need to jump when Mayor Sam Katz says to jump. People should not but do listen to others. We all have a voice of our own. Let us use it and stand up together against city hall, legislative assembly, etcetera. Thank you.

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Thank you
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