SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 4 - REPORT – EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 4, 2024 -UPDATE REPORT NO. 3 ON THE ECONOMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN (ERRP) PROJECTS SITUATED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation
Via zoom

Comments
4. ERRP Economic 'recovery'. After closing so many eateries, bars and small businesses, in 2020, in response to the misinformation of the time, city hall wanted to create jobs. This program has gone terribly astray. Upgrading our wastewater infrastructure would have created good jobs, and left a great legacy, with the river and lake cleaner. Most of these "projects" provide no tangible benefit to residents or nature. They do not replace the jobs lost in the dark days of lockdown. It would have been more fair, if these millions had been devoted to reversing the harm done by the lockdowns. Putting this money into a tax holiday for small eateries would have been just; what was done was not just. Like the federal small business loan program, public sympathy was morphed into the monstrous waste of tax dollars. If governance and fiscal prudence matter, we must learn to not do this again, for any reason.