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ITEM 8 - REPORT – EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 4, 2024 – 2023 - SINGLE SOURCE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

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Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

8. SINGLE SOURCE BUYING. Non-competitive spending. This city spends more of our money in this way than any org with which I have been involved. Since value and efficacy can not be effectively assessed on most of this spending, current rules should be considered the minimum. Deviations and waivers, which move far from purchasing norms, should be avoided. Our audit team should report on value and efficacy in single-source spending. Some say that City Hall is heading in new and dangerous directions. Spending 10s of millions, with no clear plans, and based on a few very-private one-on-one interviews, is a practice that would raise alarms with auditors everywhere. When a big job is partly done, but a new aspect is "needed" should all prudent spending rules be ignored? Why do those running city finances seem OK with it? Why are local MSM silent on this? While decorum prohibits any mention of corruption or practices that could encourage it, there are many folks who are deeply concerned that such things have happened with their tax dollars, and might again, if we do not become much more careful.