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To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Slide presentations for 5/14/2024 City Council meeting Items 8 and 12
Attachments: 2024-05-14 CC Item 8 (2023 Slurry Seal Project) - Linke.pptx; 2024-05-14 CC Item 12 (Prop H) - Linke.pptx

Importance: High

Please include as correspondence received for Items 8 & 12 for tomorrow night's meeting.

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

From: Steve Linke <splinke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:30 AM
To: Manager Internet Email <manager@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Slide presentations for 5/14/2024 City Council meeting Items 8 and 12

City Manager's Office:

I have attached PowerPoint presentations for Items 8 and 12 on the City Council's 5/14/2024 meeting agenda. I am not 100% sure I will be able to attend, but I request that you have them available if I can.

Thanks,
Steve Linke
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Item 12 (Re-evaluation of Prop H)

Steve Linke
5/14/2024 Carlsbad City Council
meeting

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Original intent/spirit of Prop H

- No votes on normal day-to-day administration or routine ongoing projects
- City must seek voter approval of **large, discretionary, capital improvement** projects that use **city funds**

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Large

- \$1M (1982) → \$3.25M (2024)
- CPI or other annual adjustment

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Discretionary vs. non-discretionary

- Proposed exempt projects (non-discretionary)
 - Safety projects
 - E.g., fire stations
 - Routine capacity-increasing infrastructure projects that accommodate mandated growth
 - E.g., capacity-increasing water, sewer, and street projects

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Capital Improvements

- Maintenance and direct replacement projects are exempt
- However, do not allow:
 - “Piggybacking” of significant changes/capital improvements with these types of projects
 - “Piece-mealing/phasing” into smaller chunks

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City funds

- Prop H sponsors were upset by city’s narrow definition of “city funds”
 - Only general fund taxes subject to Prop 13
- Proposed exempt funds (examples)
 - External grants for specific projects
 - Fees/assessments collected for **specific projects**
- Proposed non-exempt funds (examples)
 - Taxes subject to Prop 13
 - Taxes and fees that are **pooled** (and used for large, **discretionary** projects)
 - Gas and sales taxes
 - Pooled developer impact fees

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Conclusion

- Honor original intent: Voter approval of **large, discretionary, capital improvement** projects that use **city funds**
 - Stop using Prop H as an excuse not to consider doing certain projects
 - Stop creative shuffling of funds to get around Prop H votes
- Ballot language must be worded very carefully to avoid shenanigans
 - Defining “discretionary” vs. “non-discretionary”
 - Defining “city funds”
 - Banning inappropriate piggybacking and phasing