

Zopelis, Meg

From: Mendoza, Mario
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 2:56 PM
To: Zopelis, Meg
Cc: Cieslewicz, Dave; 'Bill McClenahan'; Annie Early; O'Brien, Larry; Harmon, Ramon
Subject: RE: Housing Committee Meeting - April 1, 2009
Attachments: DOR Letter October 23 2008.pdf; City Atty 10 22 2008 Memo on Impact of Future Madison Decision.pdf; Transcript of Future Madison ruling.pdf; O'Brien Memorandum Responding to Housing Committee Questions.pdf

Dear Meg:

As the members of the Housing Committee know, I appeared at the Committee's meeting of February 4 and presented the City's position on the issue and answered several questions. Following that meeting, the Committee forwarded several additional questions that were addressed both in writing and in person by Assistant City Attorney Larry O'Brien, accompanied by Assessor Mike Kurth, at the Committee's March 4 meeting (please see attached). Following that meeting, the Committee created an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Low Income Housing Tax Exemptions. Atty. O'Brien, Assessor Kurth, contract lobbyists Bill McClenahan and Annie Early and I attended the first meeting of that Subcommittee on March 12 and, again, answered questions and provided information.

At this time, the City's position remains unchanged: the City supported the language included in last year's Budget Repair bill and will continue to support that language if introduced. The overall dynamics at the State Legislature have remained essentially unchanged in the two weeks since the Subcommittee met. However, we have learned that Representative Berceau has been a vigorous advocate on this issue and has raised its profile within the Assembly Dem. Caucus. Also, the Mayor and I have had meetings with Assembly Speaker Sheridan and Assembly Majority Leader Nelson and have spoken to both about this issue. At this time, there is no further update we can provide. As soon as we have more information to share, we will inform the Committee.

Could you please convey this information to the Committee chair? Please let me know if there are any additional questions. Thank you.

Best regards;

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From: Zopelis, Meg
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 10:12 AM
To: Mendoza, Mario
Subject: RE: Housing Committee Meeting - April 1, 2009

Hi Mario,

I am drafting the Agenda for the next Housing Committee meeting and will be mailing it by next Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Please let me know when you have an answer on whether or not someone from the Mayor's Office will be attending.

Thanks and have a terrific weekend,
Meg

From: Mendoza, Mario
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 1:16 PM
To: Zopelis, Meg
Cc: 'annie@martinschreiber.com'; 'bill@martinschreiber.com'; Hank, George
Subject: RE: Housing Committee Meeting - April 1, 2009

Dear Meg:

I will consult with the Mayor and get back to you. I must mention, however that, while our contract lobbyists were kind to accommodate the subcommittee's request last week, I am not sure that these requests are within the scope of the contract that governs their services to the City. Thanks.

Mario.

From: Zopelis, Meg
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To: Mendoza, Mario
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Subject: Housing Committee Meeting - April 1, 2009

Hi Mario,

Please see the following information from the Housing Committee Meeting Minutes (3/4/09) on the low-income property tax issue:

"A motion was made by Konkell, seconded by Sparer, to ask the Mayor's Office to ask the lobbyists to be present at the next Housing Committee Meeting to discuss where they are on this issue and what their plans are. Porterfield added he would like the Mayor's Office to come back again, not just the lobbyists, to start planning in case the Legislature does not fix this. Porterfield said we could ask the Mayor to come to the meeting or one of his delegates."

Is anyone available for this meeting? It is Wednesday, April 1st, at 5:00 PM.

Thank you,
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