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Dear Mayor and Council Members

I was present at a previous public hearing regarding the ARPA for another agenda item. I was repulsed by the amount of profanity used by many of the speakers commenting. I did not hear the mayor; council member or city staff ask a speaker to be considerate to others in a public forum. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the council via correspondence as I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

My preference for distribution of funds is as follows,

1. Monetary support for small businesses who continue to struggle to do COVID
2. Public Safety- Improve/increase traffic enforcement. Provide the Fire Department/ Code Enforcement increased support to remove dilapidated structures and refuse.
3. Homeless- Continue to increase programs and transitional housing to remove the homeless off of vacant lots, on-ramps, etc.

In my opinion funds should not be spent in the following areas

1. Universal Wage- There are already minimum wage requirements in place. This sounds like socialism to me.
2. Student work programs- The school districts should be responsible to provide work training (Auto-tech, business, welding, Etc.) for students, including job placement or reference. There are currently help wanted signs and job listings posted across the city. If someone wants to work, there is work available.

Thank You

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