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Subject: [External] COST RECOVERY PROPOSAL: RAISE FEES AND DEPOSITS TO LAND DEVELOPMENT (Please include with docs for Land Use agenda #7)
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Hi Supervisors,

So, you propose to increase fees, presumably so you can continue your wasteful spending habits. Excessive contingency fees. Equity giveaways.

You want to raise fees by an average of 4.5% to 10% (very inflationary) and eliminate the Homeowner Relief Act program, which provides loans or grants to eligible homeowners for minor home health and safety repairs.

And then, you have the nerve to say These increases in PDS and DPW may not fully address cost increases based on future negotiated labor agreements, which is basically guaranteeing future financial mayhem for us because you cannot negotiate in the interest of all the people of this County.

In other words, more shoddy and dangerous homes (increasing wildfire danger to all) and financial pressure.

And then you threaten to withhold services you're already planning to cut. Get a grip. I suggest that the first thing is to share the pain and cut your salaries a bit. And maybe reduce the number of managers at the County a bit.

And I'd like an independent audit first to verify that all the County's BS programs are not wasteful. Put your money where your mouths are.

Regards,

Paul Henkin