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Hello County Clerk and County Supervisorial Offices:

Please find attached the letter from Shane Harris the President of the People's Association of Justice Advocates opposing Item 22 on your agenda tomorrow. Clerk please attach this for the record. The information on how to reach Harris is included in the letter.

Please find the press conference Supervisor Anderson joined him for this morning here:
<https://fb.watch/yQ07AnrgQU/>

Here is the agenda: [file:///C:/Users/sharris/Downloads/Agenda%20\(3\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/sharris/Downloads/Agenda%20(3).pdf)

Thanks,

Jason

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“Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”
-MLK





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RE: Shane Harris President of the People's Association of Justice Advocates opposes Item #22 April 8th Board of Supervisors meeting calling on Supervisors to pass a balanced, efficient and fair budget

Dear County Supervisors:

I am issuing this correspondence in accordance with my office's decision to oppose Item #22 on your Tuesday April 8th meeting. While I know that Item 22 on tomorrow's agenda is well intentioned, and I agree with the concept that D1 residents should be represented the unintended consequences of pushing the budget timeline back also hit the same residents that Item 22 seeks to fight for representation. Budget deliberations need to happen now so that we can address the growing deficit and make cuts where necessary while investing in needed "no compromise" services for our residents. Compromise by everyone on the board is what will be needed to get this done.

The following stated reasons is why I oppose Item 22 on your agenda tomorrow and urge a NO vote from county supervisors:

- 1. The county faces a budget deficit that is growing monthly upwards of 138 million dollars. It currently sits at roughly 138 million dollars. If the county doesn't deliberate a budget now that deficit is likely to grow and will lead to cuts in important areas that should never take a back seat such as behavioral health, foster care, homelessness, senior services and public safety. We need to take a deep look at what programs and projects we are keeping and which ones that we maybe should do away with.**
- 2. Pushing the budget timeline back is unfair to unincorporated areas such as Spring Valley where over 50,000 residents will be affected by cuts to critical services, they desperately need such as public safety.**
- 3. The county would set a dangerous precedent by moving the budget timelines back due to a vacancy which has never been done. I cannot support the changing of the ordinance that requires by county law that we pass a budget by June 30th. We should not change this law because the precedent it would set would be the wrong precedent to set for the future tying the hands of all supervisors until all supervisors are seated which would handicap services from residents across our county who need them most.**

I am willing to discuss this correspondence prior to the Supervisors meeting but as of now it is clear that I cannot support Item #22 on your agenda tomorrow as is. The People's Association of Justice Advocates is a national civil rights organization & Policy thinktank founded to keep Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive through direct action with a balanced standard of justice for all no matter what race, religion, criminal record, sexuality, gender status, or citizenship. My office can be reached via email at info@pajmovement.org or via phone at 619-354-8051 at any time to discuss any further.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shane Harris, President & Founder, People's Association of Justice Advocates