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INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA #23)

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**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP FEES AND
RATES RELATING TO ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK,
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

I am glad the County Counsel's fee increases are within the bounds of the cost of living. With the 100% plus fee increases, what planet is the Treasurer-Tax Collector from? And the Clerk's 189% increase for Written Assessment Appeals Board Findings and Conclusion is absolutely outrageous.

Maybe he wants to hide the truth from people who can't afford the 189% raise from \$169.00 to \$490.00 by charging so much.

Notice that the Treasurer is raising a lot of fees to account for increased staff costs, about 6%, excessive but not outrageous. But then, he increases a lot of fees due to the increased time to provide the service. Most of these are services we use already. So, for instance, the 158.3% increase, from \$108.00 to \$279.00, in the Subdivision Map Tax Clearance Certificate Fee means about a 152% increase for time required in map reviews and providing the service, which is totally outrageous for an existing service (see p. 6.)

If these people did not work for the County, they would not get this sort of raise.

In notice that the Assessor has a new fee for custom image distribution where actual amounts charged to the requestor will vary depending on the nature and extent of the custom request. Sounds like Vegas, but this is SD.

You should reject this and not overcharge the people you represent.