

April 10, 2009

Rick,

I am very disappointed by the tone of this email. As I said at the meeting a few weeks ago (and to you personally SEVERAL times), the Ordinance that I presented is no-where-near a final product. I agreed that revisions had to be made to many sections, which is why I presented the ordinance in the first place – to get community and neighborhood feedback. You know this, so why would you send an email as if I was trying to sneak something in? Given the fact that I have always (ALWAYS) supported both the neighborhoods and Invest in Neighborhoods, an attack like this is completely unwarranted and does nothing to further the discussion.

I will continue to welcome and encourage people to come to the public hearing on Tuesday and/or to call or email my office and offer their suggestions on how to revise the system to create the best program. I have already fixed a number of the problems raised at the last meeting (the Law Department is working on those revisions now) and will present them at the hearing. Furthermore, I do not plan to vote on this ordinance for several more weeks (as I hope to get much more input).

It is my hope that you will distribute this email to the recipients of your initial email, so that they will get a more accurate picture of what the situation is.

Sincerely,
Councilmember Y. Laketa Cole
President Pro Tem