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City Council & Staff,

I want to comment on this not to ask any questions or raise any objections but simply to say that I think this is an excellent and informative memo. It includes some bad and good news. Regardless, it was clear and concise and very informative.

My takeaway is we need to work on a plan to address the code enforcement program funding gap but this really highlights why it isn't usually a good thing to fund operational expenses, particularly salaries and benefits, from one-time grant funds. It is also not a best practice to hire the employees funded by grants as regular permanent positions rather than term-limited positions. When they are regular employees, we either have to find alternative funding sources or lay people off when the grants go away or even when there are breaks in the funding as appears will be the case for this CDBG grant funding.

Thanks,

--Jacob