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Re: 5 year Implementation Plans for Various Redevelopment Areas in Sacramento

To whom it may concern:

I do not believe that tax increment money should be used for redevelopment.

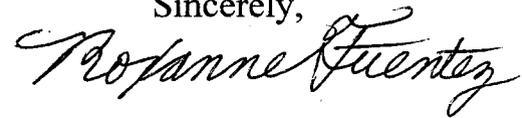
This money should be used to fund all the services which are being impacted by the economic recession and funding shortfalls. For example, fire stations are being put on rolling brown outs jeopardizing public safety. Our garbage, sewer, and water bills are skyrocketing to over \$100 a month with more increases planned every six months. At the same time these services are being cut back. Take the annual neighborhood cleanup for example — this service was discontinued and people had to call to make an appointment to have rubbish removed. A recent call to the Sacramento City Garbage Department to ask for a trash pickup elicited laughter and a sarcastic “Oh we don’t do that anymore” comment, as well as a suggestion to take the kids for a nice day’s outing at the city dump.

Why should people’s tax money be used to fund fake wooden facades painted one of three or four prescribed colors? Taxpayers’ money should not be used for someone’s private investments. I know the city wants to be like Goldman –Sachs, but it should not be at the taxpayer’s expense. No taxpayer gains from your investment, only you do. Why should taxpayers’ money be

used to take people's property from them, just to substitute something else to give another person a higher profit? Why should people's tax money be used, for example, to tear down some beautiful Victorian houses on Redding Avenue just so a detention basin planned as part of redevelopment, could be viewed from the street?

We have costs going up, people losing jobs, and vital services being cut, and yet you are being asked to use people's tax money to fund superfluous redevelopment activities. I think not. No redevelopment funding. You should not approve further redevelopment funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxanne Fuentes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roxanne Fuentes