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From: Dorothy Freeman <dfreeman@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Cc: City Manager; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Priority Workshop Council Meeting Feb 17, 2017

Mayor Trish Spencer
Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Councilmember Marilyn Ashcraft
Councilmember Frank Matarrese
Councilmember Jim Oddie

Dear Mayor Spencer & City Council Members,

I am writing regarding the special City Council meeting scheduled for Friday, February 17th.

The first issue I have with the agenda is that it is the least informative agenda I have ever read. There is no information telling the public what will be discussed at this very long meeting.

The second issue I have with the order of business listed on the agenda. I've gone back and watched the City Council meeting of November 1st when the City Manager was given direction for the Priority Setting workshop requested by Mayor Spencer. The discussion centered around the importance of setting priorities, especially regarding all Council member referrals. See insert below. Nowhere in the conversation was there reference to the importance of "Strengths and Opportunities, Characteristics of Effective Governing Bodies" or the need to have a special meeting on this subject.

I request that the original intent of the Priority Setting Session be adhered to and the "Vision and Strategic Initiatives Priorities- What's Most Important?" be moved to the top of the agenda where Mayor Spencer intended it to be for her requested workshop. The Council Referral submitted by Mayor Spencer stated: *"A special meeting could be called to hold the work session to allow for a thorough public discussion."* Having "Priority Setting," the most important subject for this meeting, take place early will mean that Council members, and the public, will be given time needed to give proper attention to the subjects without risking time running out at the end of the day.

Respectfully
Dorothy Freeman

cc: Jill Keimach
Lara Weisiger

Insert from November 1, 2016 City Council Meeting

9-B 2016-3335 Consider Directing the City Manager to Schedule a Priority Setting

Work Session. (Mayor Spencer) [Not heard on June 21, July 5 or

19, September 6 or 20, or October 4 or 18, 2016]

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BodyCOUNCIL REFERRAL FORM

Name of Councilmember requesting referral: Trish Spencer

Date of submission to City Clerk (must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the Council meeting requested): June 9, 2016

Council Meeting date: June 21, 2016

Brief description of the subject to be printed on the agenda, sufficient to inform the City Council and public of the nature of the referral:

Consider Directing the City Manager to Schedule a Priority Setting Work Session

A priority setting session would give Council and staff an opportunity to share work and set priorities on pending initiatives, projects and programs, including outlining key deadlines. The overview would provide Council the complete picture of all staff work in order to prioritize existing efforts, and understand the impacts of additional requests, including how to best address additional requests.

A special meeting could be called to hold the work session to allow for a thorough public discussion.