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Please add the following comments to the Tuesday, November 1, 2022 Board of Supervisors' agenda.

Is there a taxpayer revolt in the future?

As the Board of Supervisors identifies funding necessary for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget, you are tasked with determining which programs are failing in their objectives and there are some. You need to research the outcome(s) of programs before making decisions to allocate more funding. Once less successful programs are identified either replace them or retire them. It appears more research was need prior to the proposal a Regional Prosperity Task Force. The County Administrator is to be commended for the courage to back-track on this nice-sounding group.

Agenda Item 1: Revenues

The property tax scenario the Board should recommend should be the most palatable to taxpayers; perhaps Scenario #3 and #4 – Application of Board Policy D 22.12 – PAYGO and State Cost Shifts

Agenda Item 2: Expenditures

Employee Compensation: Increases for its employees for the last two fiscal years plus a projected increase for this fiscal year means it would be logical to ask employees to fund at least a portion of their health benefits. The \$106/\$345 figures sound high and a shared percentage of these amounts more acceptable.

Agenda Item 3: Expenditures

Under the New Initiative and Expanded programs there are some programs that can wait; specifically 1) re-establishing the *Neighborhood Reinvestment Program*, 2) ADDITIONAL funding for *Open Space purchases* and 3) ADDITIONAL *Transportation funding* for Sun Tran, Sun Link and Sun Van.

And some that should be more limited such as funding for Affordable Housing in order to begin implementing the short-term and medium-term recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force. What proposals does the Task Force have that you are providing funding for? Remember the mantra: Give a person a fish and they eat for a meal, teach a person to fish and they can feed themselves.

Supervisors need to be fair to all levels of Pima County citizens but must remain cognizant of the fact that your decisions most affect taxpayers and you need to be fair to them.

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