



Councilmember C.J. Harper

My fellow citizens,

Please know that in every instance when you told me to vote in protection of our collective interests, I have. Now, in order to better represent YOU, I need your help. Why? Because, sadly, not one of the incumbents have voted for our interests.

When you told me to "VOTE NO" on any increase in the amount of tax you pay – I did! And I was alone!

When you told me to "VOTE NO" to any attempt to spend millions of city cash reserves to build a new city hall without a vote of our citizens - I did! And I was alone!

This month a master contract for installation of cell phone towers inside the residential areas was approved by Council. One citizen was told the tower will be located next to their driveway. Initially at least three towers which can be telephone pole size are planned with no limit on the number of towers. This master contract allows the City Manager or Public Works Director, **without Council oversight and/or approval**, the authority to sign as many similar contracts as they desire as well as the power to decide where these towers are placed!!! **I VOTED NO. And I was alone!** Council members abandoned their power to represent YOU in the matter of cell phone towers and their placement to staff members who do not even live here. Council also **completely ignored** many suggested contract changes and strategy suggestions made by two lawyers representing JV interests which would have maintained Council control on these decisions or limited the use of the contract. Council approved the contract AS PRESENTED AND WITH A **BLANK CONTRACT LENGTH!!** Clearly the incumbents did not want to be bothered with representing YOUR INTERESTS. City staff has had the cell tower proposals under review for at least a year. Yet I received the information Friday before the Monday meeting and I was told it had to be approved that very night. Can you think of any government program that *'has to be approved right now'* that benefits citizens? Didn't we just learn that the red light camera contract was extended from five to fifteen years by the City Manager??? And now the city faces potentially huge expenses if the charter amendment banning red light cameras is approved. Who can still think that no Council or citizen input in these significant decisions impacting the city's financial future should be allowed and that these major decisions should be left to the City Manager/staff alone????

It's about time you had a City Council that does not betray your interests and who will take the time necessary to **represent you** instead of rubber stamping all staff decisions. Should you have any questions you may reach me at 832-347-0324.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE!!

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