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To: Chris Bubser; Sarah Rea
Subject: TBID and Measure A

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Chris and Sarah,

Thank you again for your service on our Town's Council. I appreciate the work you are doing up there and understand it can be very challenging at times. I also understand that sometimes the easy button is to go with the flow of the vocal majority inside Suite Z, when sometimes the majority of opinion is actually outside the room.

I wanted to clarify a couple of things that I think have been mis-represented, or just mis-understood, on the dais. While I am not privy to every email you are receiving, I think you understand the general concern coming from those writing you emails as they relate to TBID and Measure A funding. The email exchanges between so many people in the community are not suggesting that Council is voting on measure A as you may have alluded. Instead, what many of the people in the community are simply trying to tell you is that they would rather see Measure A funds pulled from MLT and placed where they are more immediately needed. These funds are at the Council's discretion within Marketing, Housing and Transit. Remember, the majority of people in the community are not privy to many political details, only the general concepts of what is taking place at the council level. What the community knows is that MLT is substantially over-funded and other parts of our community are in need.

A related item which is of paramount concern is the TBID renewal for another 10 years. There is no harm in renewing this for three years... none. A lot changes in 10 years! 10 years ago we were facing bankruptcy and the airport was located in Mammoth. We had also survived many years without MLT, so keeping their funding in Town's purview is not unreasonable. Agreeing to a TBID for more than three years ties the hands of future councils and puts our town in jeopardy of lawsuit(again) if we want to make changes to the TBID in the future.

Revisiting the TBID in three years does not add any additional difficulty to your job, it's just part of the budgeting process that takes place every year. The Town has to budget every year and consider its revenues and expenses before them at that time... MLT is no different.

Respectfully,

Matthew T. Lehman