

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 10:04 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: Proposal

Joan & Stephen's suggested modifications:

"You did not do us the courtesy of alerting us to your possible veto in private. Instead, you chose to announce it in front of the cameras and press. We will treat you with more respect than you treated us, and thus we are here, in private, to tell you the following:

This project is the right thing to do. It is in the City's best long-term interest. We believe you agree, and that your opposition to this project is based solely on grandstanding. To the extent you do not agree, we believe you don't understand the merits. Either way, your job as Mayor is to lead. It's to lead against popular misconceptions, and it's to lead in support of meritorious projects.

If you follow through with your veto, you should know it will change the nature of our working relationship with you on this Council. We will not announce this to the public in order to give you the chance to do the right thing w/o our position being made public."

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 9:55 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan
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Is there such a thing as a vote of no confidence here?

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 9:52 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan
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Here's what I propose. We schedule a mtng with him this week. We say the following:

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If you follow through with your veto, we are prepared, as a group, to vote against all committee appointments, Agenda items, resolutions, budget amendments and other projects you bring to the City Council for the foreseeable future. We constitute a working majority of City Council. We will not announce this to the public in order to give you the chance to do the right thing w/o our position being made public. The choice is yours."