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To: [Janet Calderon](#)
Subject: For the Public Record
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Dear Janet,

For the record. Please include this in the public minutes for Action Item 7a for tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

My name is . I'm a 13 year Clayton Resident. I served on the Trails and Landscaping Committee for 6 years followed by 4 years on the Planning Commission. I'm also a former CBCA board member. But now I am speaking as a concerned citizen that the 5 of you were elected to represent.

Tonight you have a choice: to vote for continued **Community Investments** or vote for **Jeff WAN's Special Event Tax**.

What are **Community Investments**? Non-profits like the CBCA invest profits from their events back into the community in the forms of:

- **Scholarships and education**
- **Chromebooks** for classrooms
- Gear for the **High School** sports teams
- **Grad Night** contributions
- **Stickers** for the **Clayton Police** to hand out to kids
- A **Sound System** for the **Clayton Theater Group**
- **Support groups** that provide **food** and **recovery** services
- Improvements to the **Clayton Museum**
- Our downtown **Bocce Courts**
- **City Beautification** like the **Daffodil Hill** project that CBCA covered 50% of the costs
- City landmarks like the iconic **Gazebo in The Grove** that was gift to the city by the CBCA

Whereas money collected from **Jeff Wan's Special Events Tax** will barely make a dent in the city's projected deficit and never go towards the **Community Investments** that I previously cited.

This is Jeff Wan's way of merely creating an illusion that he is helping the city when in reality he is just delaying having to raise taxes for another mayor or council to deal with. After all it was Jeff Wan who proposed the idea of a tax increase in July 2021, mentioned it again in September 2021, once again in February 2022 then backtracked when he decided to run for office.

As I stated the last time I spoke before the council, should the CBCA and other groups pay their fare share to the city to cover all costs? Absolutely. But **Jeff Wan's Special Event Tax** is **double dipping** and asking for upwards of an additional \$10k a day on top of actual costs to the city for events over 5k people.

Do the math, the combined amount the city would collect from the CBCA Art & Wine and Oktoberfest events would be the equivalent of **saving \$7 per household** in taxes (4 days at \$7k a day equals \$28,000 divided by 3,986 households). As a tax paying resident of this city, I'd rather pay an extra \$7 in taxes each year in lieu of **Jeff Wan's Special Event tax** if it means helping several students go to college or providing a classroom with Chromebooks or any other list of **Community Investments**.

When it's time for you to make your vote ask yourself this: Is that money better used for **Jeff Wan's Special Event Tax** to scratch the city budget or to continue to **invest back into our community**? That choice is an easy one to make. I hope each one of you will step aside from your handlers and make your own informed decision that will enhance our community.

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Dear City Council Members,

Hello, my name is , I'm a Clayton resident as well as a 7th grade student at Diablo View Middle School.

As a leadership student, I would like to talk about some of the ways my fellow students and I have benefited from donations the CBCA has made to my schools over the years.

When I was at Mt. Diablo Elementary School, the CBCA made a substantial donation towards redoing the Playfield that helped provide a safe area for the students to play on.

Both my 4th and 5th grade classrooms received a cart of Chromebooks that were donated to the school by the CBCA.

The CBCA also made donations to my elementary school's Garden Club.

In addition to being involved in leadership at Diablo View Middle School, I am also taking part in the newly formed drama club . Both my Leadership Class and the Drama Club will ask the CBCA for donations this year to help with leadership activities and towards putting on a production for the drama club.

The proposed special event fee is taking away money that could be put towards so many other amazing things in our school and towards things that will benefit our community outside of the school.

As a 4 time recipient of Clayton's Do the Right Thing Award, I would like to urge the City Council to do the right thing and ***vote against the proposed Special Event Fees.***

Thank you very much.