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Gentlemen,

We the taxpayers once again read headlines in local newspaper once again unworthy agenda of reviving the condemned Blanch Hotel at an enormous cost of staggering FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

Without any benefits to TAX PAYERS, use these money to reduce property taxes; eliminate fire and waste disposal assessments which will reduce the burden of taxes to over taxed taxpayers.

We cannot fathom the idea of squandering away tax payer's money on dead and non-prospective down town. So many down towns having been tried to rejuvenate without any success and benefits.

Council demolished the perfectly functional City Hall under the false pretext though it had more history to it than Blanch Hotel. Some special interest group of people persuaded council to buy CNB Bank building at an enormous price than cost of updating if any required to old city hall.

Please note that SPECIAL ASSESMENTS AMOUNTS TO AS MUCH AS PROPERTY TAXES for some property owners which we call a scam.

It is UNETHICAL for Wedel Johnson not to disclose the terms & conditions in the letter of intent by IDP, And even more so for council & council members not to disclose to the tax payers. WE pretty sure some Special group of people going to rip big money from the endeavor.

The ten members committee formed is once again special group of people who will make money off the project. Let us analyze each member,

Dennile Decker- chamber of commerce looking to add more members so her job and pay is secured.

Glenn Hunter - Just a month ago admitted telling lie to press about tennis court for personal gain of playing a non-related outside of his job duty to promote industrial growth. It is shameful some commissioners rush to his aid. All these was done at taxpayer's time and money.

Robin Greene- A for profit bank president, aim to make money.

Chuck Hall-President of FGC with a salary of almost \$300,000/ soon to retire with fat pension at expense Of enormous increases in student fees at all levels.

Sandy Kiston-A realtor interested in selling to rent the spaces in Blanch Hotel later and make money.

Todd Wilson-A publisher to publicize council's agenda and sell to taxpayers an unworthy project.

Ron Robbins & Dale Tompkins -The non-heavy weight will have nothing constructive to say except go along with the heavy weights.

SO YOU CAN SEE THERE IS NO BODY LOOKING AFTER TAX PAYER'S interest but for themselves. Really speaking there should members from all levels of taxpayers from all walk of life who have interest for rest of the taxpayers at heart & mind.

Let the current committee member come up with an ESCROW MONEY at least 10% of the cost of the project per each member, and if the project does not performed as in sell pitch and hammered day in day out, the ESCROW MONEY will be FORFEITED and given to the taxpayers in writing off the property taxes & special assessments nothing else.

The group of current committee members do not truly represent the ordinary tax payers but represent special group people.

Wendell Johnson-Looking for council's praises and may be fat raise nothing else. He has an attitude problem no doubt about it.Ever since he took office so many minority employees were fired all according to media.

A few years ago a private investor built a project on minor scale just couple of block away from Blanch

Hotel and after 10 long years it is still awaiting a tenant to move in, the local bank end up holding the Bag, again it was not bank's own money.

The group of people who owns Blanch Hotel are going to be the beneficiaries, a group of realtors. They failed to sell at a million dollars price tag few years ago on a basis of HISTORIC edify. This time around they brought an outsider on a grand scale. The tax payers are going to pick up the difference between \$250,000/ Integrity Development Partners willing to pay with reservations (terms & conditions) and the current asking price?

The projected cost of roughly \$15,000,000/- from FED is again TAXPAYERS,s money please bear in mind. No GOVERNMENT has money of its own.

It does not matters to officials whether the project(s) fails or dooms still they come out for ground breaking ceremony and grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, a photo opportunity they do not want to miss, forgetting all was made possible by us the tax payers and we are not invited for the ceremonies to take a credit we deserve.

Please think about the matters we tax payers relay politely and make our efforts worthwhile.

If all fails to make you understand our concerns politely, the only recourse left would be DEFIANCE & DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT.

Submitted respectfully for a positive action(s),by local tax payers.

Amen,

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George ward- please do not under estimate the cost of removing and dispose of ASBESTOSE & LEAD from the old BLANCH HOTEL building, it will be a big mistake once to start and realize it, the process involve more than you had anticipated and you cannot undo it. The contractors are habituated to bill Double or more on government jobs it is easy and guaranteed money and elected/appointed officials Do not care because it is taxpayers money. You may not agree but it is TRUE beyond doubt.

City Council: You may order a feasibility studies to comply with the law .Any study made will come with an end result desired as decided way before, BEHIND CLOSED DOORS decisions ignoring taxpayer's 'views, And common sense. Please recognize taxpayer's intelligence and respect it.

The study can be erroneous and deceiving because the data was erroneous and the computer spits out what is put into affecting the taxpayers.it happened in fire assessment studies some taxpayer found out

And upon pointing out the commercial property's rate were revised and reduced. How city officials carelessly accepted the study results without verifying the accuracy? We have the feeling there was a grave mistake on residential properties studies that number of fire calls were purposely inflated from actual 135 calls from 2008 to 2013 according to fire dept. official records to close to 4,000 because officials chose to include all fender bender street accidents; brush fires; medical so call emergencies under one classification of residential, driving their fire assessment to an unacceptable level of TWO & HALF TIMES the previous rate of some \$91/ to \$225/- APPROXIMATELY .It is unjustifiable and wrong to make residential properties a scapegoat to generate desired REVENUES for fire department. It is a DISCRIMINATORY practice. We feel that a review of the studies be made with due diligence with this correct data and residential properties assessments be revised and ROLLED back to \$91/.How elected and appointed officials can sleep at night knowingly doing WRONG to one group of taxpayers? It is very immoral and wrong .We hope GOD ALMIGHTY will punish you all to the fullest. Let us remind you that all other classifications were spared increases and saved even more on fire assessment charges. How & why because some heavy weight spoke at the meeting while hundreds of residential properties owner's VOCAL & MOCK protest went unnoticed and fell on deaf ears of officials. It is mockery to TRUE DEMOCRACY.Govrnment has become too AUTHORITARIN and a NUSANCE in more than one sense overriding the fundamentals of DEMOCRACY. Let us redefine in true sense the PRINCIPALS OF DEMOCRACY FOR THE PEOPLE,BY THE PEOPLE;OF THE PEOPLE. Long live DEMOCRACY or face the consequences of hatred and violence as happening worldwide by oppressed people against the government. Do not under estimate the power of masses and do not be under false belief that it can't happen here in the USA,it can happen here too, because people's faith in government has reached to the lowest .It is a UNIVERSAL TRUTH you have to accept it and wake up.

LONG LIVE DEMOCRACY AND THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

AMEN.