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Topic Pinellas county budget

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Just keep on taking. The government motto is JUST TAKE MORE. How bout we have the discussion of less is more, leaving the money of the hard working citizens in their hands. Everyone is cutting back. Business, products, EVERYTHING. Pay more & get less is the world we are living in. But somehow Government isn't cutting back? When will Government spend less? When will you cut back??? You are elected to not raise taxes & you lied!

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We are struggling and I respectfully ask that you all vote "NO" on the budget and work harder on the budget so as to not have an increase in taxes on your constituents. Most of us have had to make huge cuts in our own budgets in order to survive this inflationary economy. I don't expect to have my taxes raised again. Find a way. Revisit the budget and make changes. Its ok to take more time and work thru it. Show some responsibility and compassion towards we the people. Thank you

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From: Greenleaf, Kim
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 1:50 PM
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: 9/19 BCC meeting, agenda item #33 (opposed to tax increases)

Please add to agenda item #33 to make part of the record for this item.

Kimberly H. Greenleaf

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 - Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6 (2023 Vice-Chair)
 - Commissioner René Flowers - District 7

Subject Against Tax/ Millage Increase

Message Hello,

Please do not raise taxes on Pinellas County residents. In the second budget meeting Tuesday, please vote “no” on the proposed budget. Citizens are already facing rising inflation on groceries, high prices on gas, car insurance, home insurance and rent and a tax increase will only hurt residents. In addition, our community has a significant elderly population, many who are struggling on fixed incomes. Please consider revisiting the budget to make changes, and voting “no” on this budget.

Thank you,

Aden Barnes

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From: Greenleaf, Kim
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 1:18 PM
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: 9/19 BCC Agenda item #33 - The Parasitic Pinellas County budget - count me as OPPOSED

Please add this email to agenda item #33 of the 9/19th BCC meeting showing his opposition to the General Fund budget.

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Subject: The Parasitic Pinellas County budget - count me as OPPOSED

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To: Pinellas County Commissioners Scott, Latvala and Peters (Districts 2, 5 and 6, respectively)
Cc: Pinellas County Commissioners Long, Justice, Eggers, and Flowers and well as Barry Burton and Della Klug
Bcc: Concerned citizens of Pinellas County

The purpose of my this email is to be formally counted in registering that I am 100% opposed to the proposed FY2024 Pinellas County budget.

Instead of passing it, you should cut, cut, cut, and then cut some more. Briefly, my opposition is based on the following:

1/ Either you believe the official federal government inflation numbers...or you don't.

If you believe the official US BLS inflation numbers, then it follows that we now have extractive and oppressive government in Pinellas County. I say that because the size and scope of Pinellas County government has grown exponentially since 1950, and since 2010, and since Barry Burton arrived on the scene.

Take any of those starting years, run the numbers, and you will see that the inflation adjusted per capita expenditures of county government have increased in real terms by dozens or hundreds of percent.

Thus Pinellas County government has become a parasite on the people, an intrusive and confiscatory parasite, one that sees the broad middle class merely as sheep to be fleeced.

Presumably, you agree that a government that fleeces people is tyrannical.

2/ Burton is a big part of the parasitism - so start by firing him

Apart from presiding over the bloated government expenditures in Pinellas County, Burton has poor judgment. Examples:

+ In 2020, Burton tried to usurp authority that belongs to the BCC - in doing so, he exposed the county to legal risk...yet I didn't hear any of you who were on the commission at the time (Long, Justice, Eggers and Peters) ask any questions about Burton's attempted usurpation. Maybe you didn't see what Burton was doing? If you didn't, please start seeing through and calling out the garbage you are being fed by Burton and others.

The then commissioners were fed an "out of an abundance of caution" story that was a lie. If you don't start calling staff on such garbage, people will think you *want* it this way because you are dumb or statist or both. I know that many of you aren't either, so please push back when you are fed garbage explanations and garbage narratives.

+ Burton lacks judgment, as demonstrated by his actions early during COVID. People see this, and they see that Burton is a "do as I say, not as I do" apparatchik.

+ The county lied to small businesses during COVID about their responsibilities under the county's Safer at Home order - was Burton behind these lies being told to small businesses in Pinellas County? I don't know, but at the very least, Burton failed to quash the lying, and the lies told hurt small businesses.

+ Burton willfully or idiotically violated the Governor's exec order 20-91 - maybe that was a case of "resist we much" as the Reverend Al Charlatan once said (he meant to say "resist we must").

Al's actual last name is Sharpton, but many call him Al Charlatan because he is a charlatan...and so is Burton. So fire Burton, cut the budget, and also consider if any other staff can and should be fired.

In summary, Burton was wrong on COVID every step of the way, he's wrong on the budget, and he has poor judgment. Burton's parasitic big government approach is out of touch with the people and the times.

If you must pass this budget due time pressures, then pass it. But then immediately fire Burton and bring in somebody can amend the budget. By "amend" I mean: cut it drastically.

Regards,

Tom Rask

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Subject My Remarks for Tuesday

Message Here are my remarks for your budget meeting tomorrow in the event I am not able to call in.

I am opposed to the \$400,000,000 increase in taxes

I am opposed to the overfunded reserves

I am opposed to Barry Burton, Kathleen Peters and Chris Latvala falsely perpetuating that half of the \$400,000,000 is going to “sheriff’s raises” when you know the amount is actually 2.5%. I have asked Barry to issue a formal statement clarifying your mis-statement. If that doesn’t happen before this budget is voted on, I along with a dozen co-signers will be filing an ethics complaint with the state for you willfully misleading people for your own objective.

I am opposed to politicians that say they will lower taxes to get elected, and then pass the largest spending bill in Pinellas County history because of inflation and blame the sheriff’s budget. Taxes were cheaper under Pat Gerard than they are under Chris Latvala and Kathleen Peters, and you actually had the kahunas to blame the sheriff. The sheriff is getting \$40m of your \$400m increase and only \$10m of that is going to sheriffs deputy raises, but you know that. You misled the Pinellas County taxpayers.

I received a copy of the country club video where Janet spoke at Kathleen’s electoral night victory. At least we know what you all are now. Not that that helps, as you pass the largest spending bill in the history of Pinellas County but at least now we all know why.

Janet Long’s assistant Tony Stillo was creeping on my LinkedIn profile. Why? I have never even heard your name before. My contact information is on ALL of my correspondence with Pinellas County, Tony. Feel free to call me with what ever questions caused you to research me.

Chris Latvala’s assistant created an imitation organization to our community watch organization, requiring me to file an ethics complaint unfortunately against him for retaliation against citizens and abusing your position simply because we dare to not kiss the ring. We’re not going to be intimidated. Quite the opposite. Thanks for showing the community who you REALLY are. We were fooled. I was fooled, and I am sad for who we know know you are. I grieve the loss of why we thought were real community leaders.

We know what you are doing.

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