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Thanks President Scruggs. I'm copying Board Records for inclusion in the record for this agenda item. Thanks for the phone conversation today.

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September 11, 2018

Ken Welch, Chairman  
Pinellas County Commission  
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Dear Chairman Welch;

On behalf of the St. Petersburg Branch NAACP we would like to renew our request for the County Commission to vote no on the proposed increase for the Intown Redevelopment TIF funding based on the following;

- The plan presents as if the funding is specific to “infrastructure, however upon close review the plan references projects such as Marina rehabilitation. When lay people hear the term “infrastructure that reference is typically associated with sewage, streets, pipes, etc. not rehabilitation projects for the City’s Municipal Marina. The City currently has an open bid process slated to review bids on the Municipal Marina Yacht Basin Structural Rehabilitation Project, ID. 476118.
- The proposed costs identified in the use of funds is speculative. Upon a cursory review of the documentations submitted to the Commission there doesn’t appear to be a feasibility study or a commercial viability study outlining the type of proposed development that would have any chance of succeeding on the 85 acre site;
- The proposed plan contains use of words like “believe” and “can” which simply means the plans are speculative;

In the justification for the amendment to the Intown redevelopment plan there is a reference to a presentation at the 2017 Pinellas Economic Leadership Symposium, made by ULI's Tom Murphy," evidence showed that government funding for **"infrastructure investments, such as public street scape, public gathering spaces, road improvements, and parking, are examples of direct municipal investment that reduce project costs"** thereby promoting or increasing interest in redevelopment. The report goes on the quote Mr. Murphy's comments to reflect the importance of having a "shovel ready" site." Nowhere in the examples cited does Tom Murphy reference to rehabilitating a Marina as relevant to the development of the proposed Tropicana Field. While we assert there is some benefit to having our marina rehabilitated as any improvements in the City this speaks to the very concerns that the St. Petersburg Branch has raised in regard to Tropicana being moved from the Southside CRA and the absence of a strategic process that identifies the best uses of the 85 acres and the substantive benefits for the very people that lost out as a result of the original development of the Gas Plant area.

Commissioners, the African people of St. Petersburg want more than anyone to see our City thrive and truly be a place where the sun shines on all. We simply can't get there if we continue to deploy tactics and policies that keep African people oppressed, suppressed and depressed.

Just Say NO!

Sincerely,



Maria L. Scruggs, President  
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