

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 10/02/2023 07:10 AM

Council File No: 23-1066

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Name: Kathy Lee

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Name: Jay Jacoby

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Comments for Public Posting: 2377 Midvale project will spell the ruination of several businesses just recovering from COVID; the safety of a neighborhood with elder people and young kids and families moving. It will also coat millions of dollars to be spent irresponsibly since there is a vetted out property less than 10 BLOCKS away that is city owned, will hold 150 people instead of 33 and will cost NOTHING to build since there are hundreds of trailers the city owns sitting in storage. AND CAN BE UP AND RUNNING IN THREE WEEKS!!!!
Katy and Karen refuse to acknowledge it.

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