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I am a new constituent w/the ward reshuffle, formerly in Ward one.

I'm contacting you to express my concerns and opposition to taking \$1.36m out of the Affordable Housing Reserve (AHR) for a PSH project whose philosophy and development was not part of an inclusive process that included all stakeholders, esp. in OHRC status groups, and has no detailed information as to a) why this is needed, & b) why the city is being asked to deplete its coffers when this is eligible for upstream funding.

At one point, the City approved an over \$350,000 **annual** ask from Grace Gardens. Since they got the allotment of higher gov't funding, it's not clear if that is still required. If so, that will further deplete the AHR down to approx. \$225,000 with the expected addition of the transfer of \$575,832. I'd be happy to stand corrected on this, but I feel it should be clarified by council before consideration.

The lack of transparency and refusal of the City, county and all groups in the Homeless/Harm Reduction Alliance (HHRA) involved in these projects to actually clearly define "supportive elements" makes it difficult to justify moving forward-including the \$1.36m, when there is a 5-7 year wait for social (RGI) housing and no affordable housing being built, and it's unclear how the money will be used, and whether costs will spiral.

Those RGI/affordable units can be easily integrated into a mixed project, and provide needed relief for people, especially low income disabled and elderly and working-class renters. Having this fund full as an incentive is crucial for this, particularly when density bonuses were repealed.

Regards

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