

MEMO

To: TOWN COUNCIL

From: Joanna Gutierrez, Town Clerk 

Subject: Additional Agenda Material regarding Agenda Item 3d
May 11, 2010 Council Meeting

Date: May 10, 2010

Attached is an email from citizen Robin Huffman, received on the evening of May 7, 2010, requesting that Council remove agenda item 3d, the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the Town and Wal Mart Real Estate Business Trust, from the consent calendar for discussion.

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cc: Chuck Rough
Dwight Moore
Paradise Post
Public View Packet

Gutierrez, Joanna

From: Robin Huffman [rafh@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 07, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Gutierrez, Joanna
Subject: Citizen Letter for Agenda Item 3d on May 11, 2010 Agenda

Joanna,

Would you please get the message below out? My message to Dina this morning bounced an out-of-the-office-until-Tuesday message. Please use this e-mail for the public input for 3d.

Robin

Honorable Council Members,

The recommendation on the consent agenda item 3d on the May 11 agenda that the Council grant Wal-Mart an extension for the next payment due -- a payment that was expected and is late -- should be pulled for discussion.

The developing pattern of granting Wal-Mart, one of the richest corporations in the world, extensions for payments is troubling. Perhaps the Council might, instead, discuss charging interest on late payments. Wal-Mart should live up to its agreements, and the Council should not let the Town be pushed around like this.

There is absolutely no reason to grant Wal-Mart's request for an extension and every reason to make them know who is calling the shots in Paradise, and it should be the Town.

At this stage, before the EIR is done, before the development agreement is fully hashed out, perhaps Wal-Mart is seeing how far they can push the Town. The payment extension is an unreasonable request by super rich Wal-Mart.

Please pull this item from the consent agenda for discussion.

Robin Huffman
Paradise resident since 1989