

NORTH BAY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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Stand Behind Those Standing Up For You

To the Editor

As I write this letter, I am very perturbed about the general public always complaining to me about what this city does with our tax money. I hear it all the time. I usually answer them by saying, "What can I do about it? I can't change anything on my own." But you can, by complaining to someone who can make a difference and standing behind those who are standing up for you.

Why do you not telephone or write city councillors or city hall and complain to them? I no longer feel sorry for anyone paying taxes. They cry about it and let everyone else do their dirty work. I know the North Bay Taxpayers' Association is trying its best, fighting for the general public to get this city back on track. I fear what will become of this city if this spending spree continues.

It seems the city is always over budget and the bill is mounting. It is no wonder people are moving away because of the high cost of living in this city (especially the taxes). No one wants to relocate to this city as there are no jobs to attract them. What is city hall doing about attracting companies to relocate here? Money does not grow on trees, as our city representatives think.

People, it seems, do the same in their lives, going in the hole with their credit cards. They also think money grows on trees. They need a wakeup call. If a person continues to build up their credit cards going further and further in debt, finally there will come a time when they wind up bankrupt. Can you not see this is what the city is doing? Or will you wait until they are so far in debt the city also will be bankrupt? Can you not see the problems that the provinces are having on a much larger scale? Where will it end, hopefully not like Detroit?

When it comes time for the general public to back up the Taxpayers' Association, who I notice are presenting ideas to council to cut the spending, you can tell it goes in one ear and out the other. Is it because there is nothing in between to stop the traffic. This is bordering on the ridiculous.

So, to sum it up, I no longer feel sorry for the general public and their complaints I hear about city hall so it seems you like to pay the soaring taxes and many other wastes that we see that goes on within the city. I guess I will just sit back and say, "Good for you. You deserve it if you cannot open your mouth." If you don't complain to someone who can help, deal with it yourself or be quiet and quit complaining and pay the exorbitant taxes.

Yours truly,

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