

To: Anita Favors Thompson

City Manager

From: Erwin Jackson, PhD.

Topic: Protect city assets from possible fraud

Date: August 16, 2009

Dear Ms. Thompson,

A number of city tax payers are concerned about a decision made by the City Commission (except Commissioner Mustian) to give themselves an additional \$22,000 increase in their compensation package. Commissioner Mustian and City Attorney English differ on whether this is a violation of our City Charter. I personally don't know the answer but am certain that if the Commissioners feel they need more money they should go to their "boss" (the public) and ask for a raise.

This issue is of particular importance now that ex City Commissioner Allan Katz relinquished his position on the City Commission. I am concerned that he may request his employer paid deferred compensation "payment". I am requesting that you refuse to pay any commissioners' deferred compensation payment until the Attorney General rules on this self serving vote by our City Commissioners.

Given the controversy around this additional pay and the legality of the Commissioners' vote:

1. Will you withhold any payment to ex Commissioner Katz until this issue is resolved?
2. Will you seek an independent legal opinion from the Attorney General regarding this additional compensation?

Finally, the public will have an opportunity to voice their support or displeasure regarding this additional compensation at the ballot box. However, I strongly encourage you to protect city assets until this matter is resolved. Your immediate attention to this important issue will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Erwin Jackson, PhD.