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Comments: Mr. Mayor,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today and thank you for taking the time to read this.

My name is Patrick Bergsrud my wife Rhonda and I live at 8311 Farm Rd, Las Vegas, NV, 89131.

I will be at the City Council meeting on May 21st to discuss item #46.

The improvements now proposed would have been in over 2 yrs ago if the City hadn't stopped Richmond Homes from putting them in when they did the improvements to the east of us. When Keith Cooper the bond coordinator for Richmond requested to revise their plan to extend improvements the 222ft to include our property he was told that all new topographical surveys, traffic studies, and engineering needed to be done. When Richmond did their original surveys they included our entire property and also included the property to the west of us. Richmond was not willing to redo all of the work they had just done "for no apparent reason" as Keith stated to me.

In 2004 my wife and I purchased an unfinished property considered by many a blight on the NW that had been in front of the planning commission and City Council many times. Before we purchased the property I met with Mike Hazard and he agreed that the permits would be renewed and we would be able to finish the home to the building code it was designed for 1990 IBC as long as we did not try to turn it commercial. For the last four years I have done everything the City has requested and had road blocks thrown up every time we completed the last thing needed. I have hundreds of pages to document everything we've done to satisfy the requests.

Most recently I met with Earl Russell acting director of building and safety and Mr. Russell made it very clear that he is not interested in helping us resolve the issues we have, that he only wants to see me in court and our family out of our home.

The only time I have gone against the City's requests is when I took upon myself to complete our swimming pool after the City issued a permit and then refused to do any inspections. At that time (2006) Earl Russell told me point blank that he was using the swimming pool to force us to do the offsite improvements on Farm Rd. Improvements that at the time Richmond was trying to put in and being blocked, I assume by Earl. I explained to Earl that I was doing everything requested of us and that rain was forecast (after over three months of trying to resolve the issue) and the pool would certainly cave in and it would cost us at least \$60k extra if that happened Earl's response "was let it rain". Not wanting to throw away \$60k and being told point blank by a City official that I he was basically black mailing me and happy that we would suffer a major financial loss. I chose to protect our investment. Knowing that at some point the inspectors would want to know what we did I took lots of high resolution pictures to show all steel, electrical, and plumbing already installed and finished the pool. I felt I had no other choice.

What I would like to do is request that the City Council hold the discussion on item 46 over until we can be put on the agenda to request a "notice of relief" to stay all actions on our property until we can brief the City Council and the City Attorney in full. All parties should decide what action needs to be taken our attorney asked me to appear hear and request to be put on the agenda for the "notice of relief" stating that we should exhaust all administrated avenues before legal action I know there is a better solution than an \$86k SID against just one property when very similar improvements are assessed at \$17 - \$20k & contractors give bids that are around \$20k. The most difficult part to understand is, not only would the improvements on Farm be complete but we wouldn't be in the situation we are now with our permits expired and Earl Russell demanding that we start over with new plans to 2006 IBC for a home that was inspected and signed off on Dec 2005. Why?

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