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Dear Clr. Crist:

The points you make are good ones. They are so good, in fact, that it is hard to understand why such data would not be used routinely as one of the base parameters in planning/zoning - if, indeed, it is not.

To expand on your points, many national and international municipal government are planning around complete, "green" communities. This is occurring on an ever more frequent basis. Therefore, one can only suppose it is either proving profitable for them to do so or, at the very least, not exceptionally costly for them to change their planning protocols to be more environmentally friendly.

There has been talk of taking this approach to the Maplewood projects and I hope the 'walk will be walked,' as I believe the District has an opportunity to make this a model community....even though adjacent industry should, ideally, be encouraged to relocate rather than conflict.

Going back to your points, it will be difficult for Council to make the decisions to "go green" in the absence of the data you are requesting.

Sincerely,
Liz James

Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ridge:

For many years I have attempted to get a breakdown from our staff and/or Council as to the potential tax income benefits or otherwise that might accrue to the District were we to rezone some or all of the heavy industries especially those on the waterfront in the District were we to rezone those areas to a different purpose and /or zoning category. While I am not suggesting such a course of action blindly and outside a debate around community planning, I believe it is nonetheless essential to have this information at our disposal.

This is another way of saying how much does the District receive in tax income per square kilometer from the various zones including residential, light industrial, commercial and industrial? Also which category provides the most jobs?

This is an important point, especially in light of the stepped up efforts by ! the owners and occupiers of industrial zoned lands in the District who are campaigning for lower taxes, a step which could only occur at the expense of residential and other zoning categories.

All my efforts in the past to receive such information have been nixed by District Council. On the other hand, no intelligent decision pertaining to the tax rate issue can be achieved without being in possession of that information. I would therefore urge you to put that matter on the agenda as a high priority and preferably before the tax rate matter is finalized. I am equally confident that the community would also be very much interested to receive this information. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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