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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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