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Dear Decision Makers:

I urge you withdraw the following items from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

**Items 3, 4 and 5**, all pertaining to hiring outside consultants for financial and investment matters.

**Item 3** extends a contract with Chandler Asset Management, San Diego, not to exceed \$468,000.

**Item 4** extends a contract with Union Back, San Diego, not to exceed \$277,000.

**Item 5** extends contracts with various Los Angeles firms for \$1,200,000.

These contracts total \$1,945,000, in addition to what is being paid staff to oversee financial matters for the City.

Transparent California reports that Financial Director, John Gross, earned \$304,723.90 in 2019, just one of over 100 city employees to received \$300,000 and above last year. It would seem that with this amount of money, staff should be able to handle their jobs without outside consultants, or at least not so many. I urge council to confirm the necessary of all of these consultants before voting.

There are no staff reports for **Item 7**, Budget Hearing Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Health and Human Services, Fire, and Parks, Recreation and Marine; nor for **Item 10** Budget writers for Nov. 11 Ballot Measure. It is difficult for the public to make informed comments when no information is given before the meeting. I would think it would be difficult for Councilmembers, also.

I also have questions about lack of information on **Item 12**, which refers to a Special Order issued on Jan. 6, 2020 become permanent policy change for the LB Police Department. Again, there is no report and no information as to what this order does.

Lastly, I have questions about **Item 20**, which request \$2,350,000 to buy property to replace Fire Station 9 at a new location 4101-4107 LB Blvd, with no determined additional costs for demolition, design, construction, maintenance, etc. Does the City own the property at the former location at 3917 LB Blvd? Why can't the new station be built there?

I am asking these questions today because I seldom get my questions answered during the Council meeting. I would very much appreciate a response.

Sincerely,  
Ann Cantrell