From: <u>Ari Taylor</u>

To: <u>Carol Ann Desiderio</u>

Subject: Public Comment for 9/5/23- to be put on record **Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:28:29 PM

Dear Clerk Desiderio,

I am writing in opposition to ballot questions presented on tonight city council agenda. Please submit my comments to the public record.

I believe that non-binding ballot questions, when implemented correctly, are one way to get feedback from our community. However, I cannot support ballot questions being added to the ballot with less than 2 months to go before election day, without the time and with no plan to allow voters to educate themselves and fully understand what the implications -- financially, legally, and so on -- of their vote would be.

I would likely support a non-binding ballot question being added to a future ballot if residents and voters were given the respect of ample time to gather information from both sides of the issues so that they could make an informed decision.

I also believe that approving the addition of non-binding ballot questions at this late date in an election cycle would create a dangerous precedent for our community and we could see this pattern repeat in future municipal cycles, which would be a disservice to the residents and the voters.

Thank you for allowing me to share my opinion on this topic.

Sincerely, Ari Taylor 57 Mount Vernon Street.

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