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Dear City Councilor's,

Please approve order 412-24 that the Finance Committee invite staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to appear in committee to present an update on all the funding sources surrounding the remediation of the soil at Roosevelt Park. This was sponsored by Ari Taylor who is the Ward 5 Councilor. As part of the now cancelled Roosevelt Park Improvement Project, there were city funds earmarked specifically for the removal of the contaminated soil. There are also questions surrounding the funds that were raised for the Improvement Project itself. Were the funds returned unused as the project was cancelled? Section 108 HUD Loan \$1.2M, CPA Funds \$1.45M, City Free Cash \$1.292M and City Bond \$966K represent the funding sources that were allocated to the now cancelled Roosevelt Park Project. As an adjacent neighbor of Roosevelt Park, I would like to see an accounting of the funds, that were allocated for the cancelled project and the remediation of the lead contaminated soil, by the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. Given the large sums of money that have yet to be accounted for, I think it reasonable to have the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development offer the Finance Committee some transparency as to the status of the funding in question. Transparency builds trust. It reminds me of a favorite quote "Trust but Verify" by Ronald Reagan.

Thank you,  
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