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Rules Committee Meeting (JSEB)

April 20, 2021

Q1. I was decertified reason stated was "JSEB cannot engage in outside employment" (Sec 126.608. (d)(3) or basically COJ is suggesting that if my wife and I own, more than 1 company, we would be distracted?

If council persons have side business or jobs or any city employee's, why can't we?

Why wouldn't COJ be thrilled that I'm trying to prosper? Why would a small business be suppressed for expanding into a new market shares. My wife and I do not have health insurance and rarely take a vacation, yet City says I'm in "conflict" and "distracted"?

After my city councilmen Gaffney pressed the issue, Greg Pease helped me schedule a hearing next week. Thank you Reggie and Greg.

Now that I'm questioning the system:

Q2. Will our JSEB records remain in the JSEB office or JSEB committee private?

Q3. Rose Nettles was expanding the education and training programs for JSEBs to help school our employees and aggressively seeking Quality Prime projects to meet, compete and work towards 20% goal for the 6 Billion Dollar construction fiscal budget, will Mrs. Dinah Coleman continue this endeavor for JSEBs?

Q4. Perhaps Council does not understand that there are only 2 non-union and 1 union apprentice programs in Duval graduating less than 80 people a year. Between these few graduates and workers making more money on unemployment staying home, we are desperate for help. Will Council commit to understanding how this labor shortage can be improved to help the JSEB program?

Q5. Will the new updated Disparity Report be from a company in our region (the 15 year old Disparity report is from a company from California)?

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I take issue with the Disparity Report:

a) Chapter on "Capacity" appears to be rewarding unproven businesses with work.

Side Note: Rather than waive bonding why couldn't city underwrite a 50% discounted bonding program or a mentor/protégé similar to the 8a SBA program.

b) The testimonies need to be in ratio to percentages in all tables or categories of actual JSEB members.

Note: Very few non minority testimonies were given

c) Will the report show how far away from the 20% JSEB Goal last year's 340 member (now less to purging in last 60 days) have actually done in Business?

Side Note: Issue to me is not creating Micro Biz but uniting all of us to achieve as close to 20% as possible doing quality work as a testimony to Big Biz so we win their Business

d) Does Council understand, County wide in next 12 months, we will have a 6 Billion dollar construction budget. If the JSEB program was expanded we could not meet the needs without increased understanding, proactive policies and team building.

Q6. Will Council consider raising the cap from 1,3mil to 3mil Net Net (personal net worth, business assets, everything included). This would create a culture for graduation of the program and help towards bonding larger jobs.

Q7. Does the staff of Ombudsmen have Business experience? How can we ensure that the staff has real world business experience to combat and empathize with pressures, cash flow anxiety etc and etc of us.

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President

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I am opposed to 2021-0181 . Why should people that live outside of Jacksonville be part of this committee?

Excerpt:

Conf the Mayor's Appt of Christopher R. Butler, a St. Johns County Resident to the Better Jax Plan Financial Administration Committee,

Thank you,  
Susan Aertker  
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