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From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [Public Comment; City Council](#)
Subject: [External Sender]Council Meeting May 23, 2023 Item #6 Non -profit and Civic Organizations
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Dear Council Members

I was looking at Item #6 where nonprofits and civic organizations are asking for hundreds of thousands of dollars to be given to them from the City

I wondered why the Chamber of Commerce is asking for \$80,000 when they received \$60,000 last year. I wonder what the \$60,000 was spent on and how much it helped the community. I wondered why anyone would consider giving money to Arts Los Altos, when we already have an Arts Commission (which you just combined with the Parks and Rec Commission).who are doing a really good job. Arts Los Altos is run by a former disgruntled arts commissioner who resigned and now that the city is bringing in funds for art, wants a piece of the action. I wondered who the Community Tool Box is ?

I understand that during Covid some organizations needed help such as CSA and Chac. But Covid basically is over.

I want all donations to be fair and therefore ask that you NOT provide any money to any of the organizations. The City is not an arm of Social Services.

The City should take care of basic services first, We are also coming out of Covid with many CIP projects delayed. Our infrastructure is in disrepair. Our PCI goes down every year. We have a ten million dollar loan to pay back for the new community center . We have no hot running water at Grant Park. Our Police Station and Fire house need repairs or replacement. The weeds are taking over our sidewalks and medians. The City wants to increase our sewer rate by 116% over the next five years. The leaders of our community need to be fiscally responsible and not just give away money to folks that have an in with the City . At this point there should NOT be a priority to fund non -profits or civic organizations. They need to work within their means, just like the City and the residents need to live and work within their means.

The criteria and policy for receiving money from the city is vague and subjective .Anyone or small group of people can become a 501C3 .

Please stop the give-away and focus on the big problems and solutions that benefit the largest percent of the Los Altos population.

Sincerely

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From: [Pat Marriot](#)
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Subject: SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #7 MAY 23, 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS
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Council Members:

Why are we giving away public funds at a time when our city, county and state are in the red, we have a \$10M loan to pay off and the recent Godbe poll shows 31% of respondents are not satisfied with how the city spends its money?

I don't think any public money should go to charities. Donations/contributions should be made on an individual basis, not through the city.

In the current list of applicants, I do not support a contribution to Arts Los Altos. While I appreciate some of the work it has done, its mission is to put art on "private property in downtown." Presumably, the property owners can pay for art if they want it. We already have a Public Arts Commission that places art throughout the city.

Pat Marriott