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My name is Bill Dixon, and I live at 608 Salem Heights Ave. S. in Ward 7. I write to urge City Council support of the proposed policy on acceptance of donations to fund city operations.

I also urge the Council to amend the draft policy to require a written agreement with any individual or group that offers a designated donation of \$500,000 or more. The agreement should confirm the city's complete control over its deployment of the funds, including the assignment and management of any staff funded by the donation – consistent with the intent of the donation.

The agreement also should confirm that the city will determine reporting requirements over the use of the money and that the donor accepts restrictions on the right to legal recourse over the use of the money.

These added stipulations would provide an extra layer of protection for the city and local taxpayers, making a strong policy proposal even stronger.

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