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My name is Bill Dixon, and I am a resident of Ward 7. I write in support of Agenda Item 5.a. 25-443, directing staff to prepare information about potential adjustments to the city operations fee.

The purpose of this fee is to spread the cost of city operations across property owners based on the level of general fund services that they receive. As councilmembers know, the majority of general fund spending goes to vital services such as police, fire and emergency medical protection.

However, councilmembers also know that the current fee structure places a disproportionate cost on residents as opposed to industrial, commercial and institutional entities. And councilmembers know that the city needs to strengthen its revenue structure as it faces impending shortfalls in operations funding.

The motion before the Council offers an opportunity to begin rectifying these imbalances. It also appropriately addresses the potential cost burden of new programs that are under consideration by the Council for the 2027 budget year – an acknowledgement that cost control goes hand-in-hand with revenue generation.

The need to explore adjustments to the operations fee is clear, as is the need to look carefully at any proposed new spending. I urge the Council to act on those needs now.

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