

Dear Council,

My comments:

- Bringing in revenue is a big issue. Perhaps more support for local businesses and cleaning up the square would help. My son got married in Boston and we had a west coast reception, as well. Everyone enjoyed what Sebastopol had to offer that weekend because I made a list of what to do and see. Probably the largest boost would be allowing the hotel and getting back Headwest. We lost a lot of TOT when we lost the Sebastopol Inn.

- With respect to the Declaration of Fiscal Emergency, I am absolutely opposed. Not only would it be beyond embarrassing to our little city but what investor would want to invest in a fiscally unstable town? That leads me to what will our homes be worth, is anyone going to want to buy a home here, is anyone going to want to build a hotel here, is anyone going to want to start a business here? Every decision leads to unintended consequences and this decision would have far reaching consequences that no one can foresee. I heard one council member talk about getting in touch with Linda Hopkins or Mike McGuire if a Declaration of Fiscal Emergency was passed. Our representatives can be asked for help now. I remember the meeting about selling the Sebastopol Inn with Linda Hopkins and Barbie Robinson. What happened to the \$200,000/year TOT Sebastopol got from that hotel? Are we still receiving that? I am pretty sure the answer is NO. So, that is \$600,000 the county should reimburse us for. Our council should ask for that.

Thank you,

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