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Concerns About the Tailgating in the Council Chamber

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Recently, the pro-density faction has been appearing at Planning Commission and City Council meetings, offering what they describe as a "tailgate," the provision of food and snacks for those in the Council Chambers. In a sense, with the use of "tailgate," they are suggesting that these proceedings are contests with winners and losers. The obvious questions are why they are doing this and what they expect to gain. Good questions. I don't know, but one can easily suspect that their goal is to influence decisions made by the PC and City Council. I suggest that the City Attorney investigate and determine the appropriateness of these tailgates. At the very minimum, the optics don't look good. It would be very hard for me to justify why a Commissioner or Council Member would take free food from those who would benefit from an upcoming PC and/or Council action. Repeated, they could easily become a distraction from the proceedings. Also, if one group is allowed to do this, what if two or three groups show up? Will one group be allowed, and the second or third group be denied?

What to do? These tailgates should be suspended until the City Attorney makes a decision on what is appropriate and what is not. Then the PC and City Council should develop guidelines and procedures for these events. In the midst of a very contentious Comprehensive Land Use Plan consideration, the PC and City Council need to demonstrate that they are not injecting political favoritism into these staged events.

Thanks for your consideration, Jeff Crockett