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Fw: To put the record straight on ARPA funds

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Hi,

As I review the attached ARPA funds spending of the commissioners, and although it is probably too late to do anything about it, I just want to state for the record, that of my three expenditures, I only authorized one of them to come out the ARPA money available to me. The other two, I was told that the city would find were to budget it in and pay for it from there.

I approved the \$2,000.00 December 2021 from my ARPA spending.

Not only was I told that the \$13,000.00 for Israel Independence day in 2022, that it would be paid by the city funds, but \$15,000.00 was budgeted for this year for the same event, which by coincidence today is Israel's 75 birthday/anniversary. As to not be spending so much money, I cancelled the event for this year.

Just wondering why they would take \$13,000.00 for last years event, out of ARPA and then budget \$15,000.00 for it for this year. To me that proves that it was never to come out of ARPA funds. I do not believe that this event qualified to be used from such funds.

The \$5,000.00, for Breast Cancer Awareness event, I was told that it would also come out of the cities budget as well, and I did speak to a staff member, who is still working with us, and let it be known to him that it was NOT coming out of my ARPA money and he told me that it would NOT. I believe that it might have been budgeted for this year as well, but not sure that request ever went through.

Thank you,
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