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To: Lompoc City Council
Re: December 19, 2023 Agenda Item – Pale Blue Dot Space Center Project

Years ago (1998-2006) when I was on the City Council an entity (Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation) repeatedly came before the Council with “too good to be true” proposals for their many projects. Over and over again they asked for time extensions on their loans and project deadlines. In the end, the City got stuck with millions of dollars of debt. I tell you this now because the Pale Blue Dot Space Center Project is underfunded and has needed extension after extension to meet the simple goals set out for it by the City. As a Lompoc City resident, I don’t want to see the City get stuck again.

Back in January, I wrote to you and again I repeat my concerns. Here are a few things to consider now (before an expensive EIR is started):

1. How will 4000 predicted annual users get to/from the project? Will a new access road need to be created? What will be the impact on traffic in the City?
2. From where will the water and electricity for the project come?

3. How will sewage and trash collection be handled?
4. With the housing buildout proposed for the Wye area, will the Project's noise and light create issues for nearby residents?
5. How much of the now parklike property will be paved?
6. Will the project negatively impact the City Airport?
7. Will the City have to pick up the costs of additional police and fire personnel?

If not already done, please ask and get answers (in writing) to these questions before moving any further with negotiations with Pale Blue Dot Ventures (PBDV) or its successors on any lease, transfer or sale of City property:

8. What percentage of the project is actually going to be used for education purposes? If that differs from space-related education, then what is the percentage for space-related education? Will certified teachers be doing the instruction? Who is/will be writing the curriculum?
9. Provide the names and contact information for all who are involved, including but not limited to financiers/investors, marketing/promoters (IDEAS?), consultants used for feasibility analyses, Pale Blue Dot board, other consultants and employees.
10. Why was John Linn previously listed on Pale Blue Dot Ventures' (PBDV) website as "Local Liaison", but is now not listed? Is he being paid?
11. Is the City aware that at least 60% of the financing will be debt? Who will be responsible for paying that debt if the project fails?
12. What is the status of PBDV's not-for-profit? Why is it being created?
13. If officials (someone who actually has official capacity to commit) from VSFB are involved, who are they (capacity, contact information)?
14. If anyone from the Lompoc Unified School District is involved (someone who actually has official capacity to commit), who are they (capacity, contact information)?
15. If anyone from the Allan Hancock Community College is involved (someone who actually has official capacity to commit), who are they (capacity, contact information)?
16. Has the Airport Commission or Airport Manager been involved?
17. Why in the information on PBDV website constantly changing, including the name of the Project?
18. What, if any, plans have been made to do this project in stages? Will education be in the first stage?

19. Other than the land, what kind of financial (including staff time) support are the proponents expecting from the City?
20. Did Pale Blue Dot Ventures feasibility analyses take into account that many of the proposed visitors will be children who will not be spending money in Lompoc businesses or booking separate hotel rooms?
21. If PBDV “hires” a planner (as a while back they indicated they would), would that person be a City employee who has gone through the City hiring process or an employee of PBDV?
22. If it gets to the point of leasing, transferring, or selling the property, how much money will the City receive and who will be writing and reviewing the lease/transfer/sales agreement. (Note: said agreement must include that the property can be used for educational not commercial purposes; that no changes can be made to the property until all environmental documents have been approved; that if funding is not secured within a year the property reverts to the City in its current condition; and that the City not be listed or referred to as a partner in the project).

Thank you.

--Jan Keller

cc. City Administrator