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Dear Chairman McGinley

Enclosed are the Ordinances that I wish to have introduced at the Tuesday Council Voting Session. The first Ordinance is for the Amendment of Ordinance 2020=05, which is up for review by County Council, regarding the Penalty fee of 10% to 0% that expires on August 18th. There are still many property and Commercial business owners in our County that are suffering from the financial impact of the COVID 19 emergency and need the financial assistance that this Ordinance would provide for them in paying their Property Taxes without the added burden of a 10% penalty. The County has already collected over 90% of this years budgeted amount of \$114,612,500.00 or \$103,581,940.62 with \$11,030,559.30 remaining to collect to make the budgeted amount. I feel that the County will be providing a great help by County Council passing this amendment to the Ordinance that would extend the 0% to December 31 2020.

The other two ordinances are for Budget amendments for the Position Budget that was sent to us by Division of Administrative Services Dave Parsnik. The Position Budget is adopted by County Council and therefore if there are position changes that require adding positions then County Council needs to amend the Position Budget. There are also concerns that these changes are to a AFSCME Union Contract which County Council adopted as well. I understand the Position Changes are cost savers for the County financially however I would like to have the County Manager explain what services are being eliminated in the Elections Bureau as a result of eliminating the Inspector of Voter Registration and adding a Administrative Assistant ? **I also would like to have the County Manager send Council a copy of the Job Description for the Administrative Assistant and the Inspector of Voter Registrations.**

I also would like to know why we need two Administrative Assistants when we only have two Administrators in the Bureau of Elections ?

Please add these Ordinances to the Voting Agenda for County Councils consideration.

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