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PUBLIC COMMENT
From: Matthew Sandoval
Agenda Item: Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing
Meeting Date: 8/27/24
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Type of Tax: Property Tax

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Organization:

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Description of Issues:

I would like to see property taxes adjusted based on productivity in urban and suburban locales. Specifically, higher tax rates for vacant buildings and lower for high-density developments. We need to incentivize housing and discourage abandoned/underutilized properties.

In my area, there are vast areas of abandoned commercial properties. Yet, the few new condos built start at \$500k for a studio. The BOE should leverage the tax code to address this imbalance. So long as there's a tax benefit for commercial landlords to leave empty buildings, home prices will continue to remain high and urban blight will continue.

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