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To: COB
Subject: Public Comment on Consent Calendar Item C7
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Request to read the following into the record during public comment on consent calendar item C7:

“Regarding item C7 on today’s consent calendar, I am requesting that this waiver be made available to any and all employees who may incur this charge in the future and any employees who have previously been required to pay for toll evasion charges incurred while on the County business and if not, then I am requesting clarification as to why special treatment is being approved in this case as there is nothing special about it. Employees have historically utilized all tools at their disposal, such as travel advances and payment by credit card, to pay toll charges before even incurring toll evasion charges. In this case, no such attempt was made by the employee or the departments involved and the Auditor-Controller’s office was expected to let these toll evasion charges go by unnoticed. When the identity of the employee who incurred the toll evasion charge was withheld from the Auditor-Controller department, attention was directed to the Purchasing Agent/CAO to reimburse the County for the unauthorized payments and make the County whole as it was under the their authority that Purchasing staff decided to issue this payment after receiving verbal and documented rejection from the Auditor-Controller for noncompliance with policy. If this board chooses to waive this penalty for the Purchasing Agent/CAO, then it should also offer the same opportunity to all employees. Further, employees who have previously paid should be entitled to refunds as there was no intention to have this part of the policy enforced. The function of the Auditor-Controller is to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations, including board-approved policies. Going forward, I request that this board not adopt policies it is not prepared to enforce to prevent this uncomfortable situation from occurring again. Please also note that this and other items with financial impacts are being presented to you without Auditor-Controller approval. Thank you.”

Thank you,



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