

**Carol Allread**

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**From:** Public Council Inbox  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Chestine Edgar'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Hearing on the Mid-biennial Budget Review 11-04-2013

Dear Ms. Edgar,

Thank you for writing to the City Council to express your concerns. Your email will be included in a future Council agenda packet as Correspondence for the Record.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Chestine Edgar [[mailto:c\\_edgar2@yahoo.com](mailto:c_edgar2@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 04, 2013 2:36 PM  
**To:** Brian Bennett; Rose Clark; Joan McGilton; Jack Block Jr.; Jerry Robison; Public Council Inbox  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on the Mid-biennial Budget Review 11-04-2013

Please see attached comments.

Thank you,

C. Edgar

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CFTR: 11/18/13

CC: Kim Krause, Finance Director

November 4, 2013

Letter to the Burien City Council relating to the public hearing on the budget:

For some years now the city has held public hearings on the budget before the actual presentation on the budget has been made. This makes no sense in that the public cannot comment on that which they have not heard about or seen the presentation on. This sequence of when this first public hearing is held should be altered so that the public can see the presentation of the material before the first public hearing is held.

For several years now under the previous city manager, residual human services funds in the budget was not spent and the city manager just rolled it back into the General Fund. This money \$10,000 needs to be spent on what it was earmarked for, human services. We are a city that has many citizens who could benefit from these human services dollars being spent for human services.

I noticed that we are going to spend \$100,000 for a new EIS. What troubles me is the number of outside contracts that the City is constantly paying for and the lack of skills that the current staff has to cover the work in some of the areas the city is forced to contract out.

The number of studies that the city has had or has chosen to do in the last six years is significant and at significant cost to the citizens. Many of those studies are now simply just gathering dust on a shelf. I would like to see a reduction in these types of studies or a consolidation in studies when they are put out to bid.

Sincerely,

C. Edgar 