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Representative Mike Cuffe, Chair
Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation
Montana House of Representatives
P.O. Box 200400
Helena, Montana 59620-0400
RE: HB2 - Base Funding for the DEQ Subdivision Section

Dear Sir;

I am strongly opposed to activity to fund a subdivision arm with General Funds.

This is proposed because the arm of Subdivision Review has been successfully funded by review fees. Now there is not enough development to keep the sacred cow?

I am a professional Land Surveyor with much more responsibility, more vested in community than mere County employees, most of which do not even own homes, just using the County as a stepping stone to greater things.

County review fees typically top my fees for doing the work the County personal merely reviews!

I am in the development business and when the development economy declines, we DOWNSIZE! Always have and the world has not ended yet because of it.

Our local Government (Lake County) is literally chocking on subdivision personal with LITTLE or NOTHING to do. The Lake County Planning department is larger now than it was in 2006 - 2006, during the height of development review activity!

I cannot see the public being served by routing General Public tax dollars to fund some County personal who, by their inability to fund themselves, unnecessary.

If the personal was truly necessary, there would be sufficient funds from review activity, There certainly has been sufficient funding in the past.

If the County personal is worried about losing a job, do like the rest of us. Go find work! This was NEVER intended to be a welfare position!

So sorry work does not come to you, but sometimes ya gotta go find work, or perhaps a change of field into something more useful.

Private sector is NOT asking for handouts, how dare public employees seek legal means to rob the balance of the tax paying Public!

Sincerely Yours
Marc J Carstens



