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TO: City Council Meeting, July 21, 2020

FR: Tom Sullivan, 751 Syracuse Avenue, U.City, MO 63130
RE: Special Business District Proposal/ Street Event -- Agenda Item E-1

I have some comments regarding the proposed \$50,000 appropriation for a street party in the Loop around the Labor Day weekend.

The amount requested seems too much. I would cut it by \$10,000 and save the \$10,000 for some other event.

Closing Delmar to traffic could create chaos. I would think twice about that. You don't want to create a lot of bad feelings from people caught in traffic jams. That happened about four or five years ago when Delmar was closed -- it might have been for a run.

I would keep the Loop Trolley out of it. Few people are riding it on the weekends. It usually has only a few passengers though there is no charge to ride it. There are times when no one is riding it. Also, it has no air conditioning.

The Loop is looking pretty sad at times these days. This morning around 11 a.m. there were only seven cars parked on Delmar from Westgate to Kingsland. Starbucks did not have a single customer.

There are still a lot of store vacancies. The old Cicero's spot will soon be vacant for three years. The old Bread Company space will be vacant nearly as long. The Melting Pot space is still vacant. There are three vacancies across from the old Cicero's. There are three vacancies in the City's parking garage store fronts. Hop Cat left a lot of empty space when it closed. The list goes on . . . It has to be wondered if the Loop is being effectively marketed.

Thank you for considering my comments.