

Mayor and councilors,

As you prepare to meet with David Fresquez tomorrow night pertaining to city sponsorship of his MASL2 team please read some of comments made in recent articles and in the packet provided by David Fresquez to councilors. I ask you why there is such an aggressive forward leaning posture that will affect community members to provide taxpayer funding for a mens soccer league. It is clear from the resistance shown by the community that there is serious concern with the reduction in city services to community member at the expense of the taxpayer.

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors states: **'GCCC must provide proper playing surface and field dimensions, lining, locker rooms, a Public Announce (PA) system and scoreboard.'**

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors states: **'City of Santa Fe is recommended to purchase multi use flooring; sports turf-soccer, lacrosse Field hockey, football; soccer goals; storage bins for turf/goals; sponsorship (yearly) for free child admission to MASL games.'** This statement is unclear and is in direct opposition to the following statement provided in the same packet.

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors states: **'Multi-use flooring and sports turf is to be owned and handled by the City of Santa Fe. City staff is responsible for proper install and break down of the flooring and turf for all MASL games.'**

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors **omits: number of staff, training required, staff salary, hours required to install and remove**

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors **does not supply a specific number of hours of rent for each game only a hourly rate**

Mr. Michael Cardinal states in the article **Community Pushes Back on Chavez Center Ice**

Rink Conversion “You need 20 to 35 people that specialize in conversions, not volunteers.” He also said these people have to use “specialized equipment.”

David Fresquez Packet to Councilors has an email quoted from City of Santa Fe Director of Economic Development supplying funds. Santa Fe New Mexican article *Tensions not thawing over ice rink use* also states: '**[Fresquez] sits on the city's Economic Development Advisory Committee'**

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Now is your time to probe into these community concerns about how the business is being planned and what the city and taxpayers are signing up for. This is an expense line item that the taxpayers are being asked to support and providing resistance from not just users but also taxpayers. You've heard from the ice community on how reduction in city services will affect their youth sports organizations. Now it is a fair chance to understand what this businessman is asking for from the community in terms of dollars.

This is an ill-conceived plan that is both a reduction in services to the community, a significant investment in city staff, ethically questionable having a city committee member benefiting directly from funds provided by his committee, and costly to the taxpayer.

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