



Attn: Alfred Zammit, Mayor.

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Ir-rwol primarju ta' kunsillier jew sindku huwa li jirrapprezentaw r-residenti tagħhom. Il-raprezentanti tal ' Kunsill jipprovdu pont bejn il-komunità u l-kunsill. Minbarra li jkunu bhal avukat għar-residenti fil-kunsill u fil-lokalita innifsuha, ikollok bżonn iżżommhom infurmati dwar il-kwistjonijiet li jolqtuom u jtihom cans jew kull opportunita li jwaslu l-oggezzjoni tghahom b'kull mezz possibli .

Sabiex tifhem u tirrapprezenta fehmiet u priyoritajiet lokali, trid tibni relazzjonijiet b'saħħithom u tteġġeg lin-nies lokali biex jagħmlu l-fehmiet tagħhom magħrufa u jimpenjaw ruħhom miegħek u mal-kunsill. Komunikkazzjoni tajba u impenn huma ċentrali biex tkun kunsillier effettiv.

Bhala raprezentanti tal-kunsill lokali, ir-residenti jistennew li:

tirrispondu għall-mistoqsijiet tagħhom u jinvestigaw it-thassib tagħhom (xogħol tal-każi). tikkomunikaw deċiżjonijiet tal-kunsill li jolqtuom.

tkunu konxju ta' kwalunkwe problema.

tkunu tafu u taħdmu ma' rapprezentanti ta' organizzazzjonijiet lokali, gruppi ta' interess fejn jirrapprezentaw il-fehmiet tagħhom fil-laqgħat tal-kunsill.

tmexxu kampanji lokali f'isimhom.

It-tmexxija tal-komunità hija fil-qalba tal-gvern lokali modern. Il-Kunsilli jahdmu fi shubija ma' komunitajiet u organizzazzjonijiet lokali – inklużi s-settur pubbliku, volontarju, komunitarju u privat – biex jiżviluppaw viżjoni għaž-żona lokali tagħhom, u jahdmu b'mod kollaborattiv biex itejbu s-servizzi u l-kwalità tal-hajja għač-čittadini. Il-Kunsilliera għandhom rwol ewlieni f'dan il-proċess. Is-settur privat m'għandux ikun qed jibbenefika għal kollox a skapitu tar-residenti jew jisfrutta r-rizorsi tal-lokalità jew kull aspekk tal-lokalità inkwistjoni. Anqas l-kunsill m'għandu jkun fuq naħa waħda, jew li jistenna li r-residenti għandhom jilqgħu jew jakkomodaw għall-privat, għal darb'ohra a skapitu tar-residenti nfushom – għandhu jkun propju bil-kontra; is-settur privat għandhu jirrispetta, jonora, u jakkomoda għar-residenti w il-lokalita. Nixtieq inkun naf għaliex il-kunsill preżenti huwa petrifikat li anke jindirizza l-abbużi tas-settur privat, aħseb u ara biex jiehu azzjoni legali jew xi forma ohra ta' infurzar tal-liġi.

Il-Kunsill miz-zewg naħat, jeħtieġ strateġiji u policies ċari li jippermettu jwassal l-viżjoni tiegħu għaž-żona inkwestjoni, jagħmel l-aħjar użu mir-rizorsi u jagħti servizzi li jissodisfaw il-htigijiet tar-residenti tal-lokal. Bhala kunsill tikkontribwixxi għall-iżvilupp ta' dawn il-policies u strateġiji, billi gġib l-opinjonijiet u l-priyoritajiet taž-żona lokali tiegħek għad-dibattitu – tassigura illi jaslu, jigu indirizzati, u tikonferma illi twasslu u li se jsir xi haga dwarhom. Kif tagħmel dan se jiddependi fuq il-kumitati u l-fora li inti maħtur fihom. Madankollu, il-qafas tal-politika tal-kunsill irid jiġi ffirmat mill-kunsill shiħ, li fuqu joqgħod kull kunsillier.

Il-Kunsilli mhumiex biss fornituri tas-servizz; jaġixxu wkoll bhala regolaturi. Bhala kunsillier tista' tinhatar biex tiltaqa' fil-kumitat tal-ippjanar u regolatorju – billi tikkunsidra kwistjonijiet bħall-applikazzjonijiet tal-ippjanar, liċenzji għal pubs u ristoranti u tiżgura li n-negozji jikkonformaw mal-liġi. F'dawn ir-rwoli, il-kunsill huwa meħtieġ jaġixxi b'mod indipendenti u mhumiex sugġetti għall-grupp jew il-partit – hekk mgharufa bhala l-hbieb tal-hbieb jew thallu l-settur privat jmexxi l-kunsill. Hafna mill-kunsilli jirrangaw taħriġ speċjali għal dan. U huwa propju huwa propju hawn fejn tidhol id-domanda tiegħi; Għaliex il-kunsill preżenti huwa mbezza milli anke semplicement jindirizza l-abbużi tas-settur privat b'mod trasparenti u b'mod publiku, aħseb u ara biex jiehu azzjoni legali jew xi forma ohra ta' infurzar tal-liġi.

Fuq dan il-kontenut li jinsab f'din l-ittra nixtieq twegiba sinciera. Nitghama wkoll li ssir xi haga

effettiva biex il-Kunsill iwassal gjustizzja b'risq lejna r-residenti Beltin. Il-Kunsill ghandhu jkun hemm ghalina, u mhux ahna ghalih. Jekk il-Kunsill jinsab xott mill-vizjoni jew ideat, ghandkhom lista shiha ta' proposti mehuza ma din l-Ittra – mhux ilmenti biss, izda suggerimenti wkoll.

Mr.B.McBee
F'isem il-grupp **Residenti Beltin**

Evans Building

Nixtieq inkun min ipermetta illi Evans Building, propjeta tal-Gvern/Poplu Malti jaqgħa that il-Privat, inkluza t-talba li jigi publikat kull ftehim/kuntratt u lista tal-persuni involuti f' din il-haga.

Hekk kif Evans Building jinsab propju hdejn is-Sagra Infermerija, mgharufa bhala Dar Mediterran... nisugerrixu illi minflok Lukanda, din il-binja tal-Gvern/tal-Poplu tigi kunsidrata bhala Klinika ghar-Residenti Beltin; din kienet proposta illi dejjem kienet issugerita minn bosta residenti matul is-snin.

Il-post huwa ferm ideali f'kaz illi xi tfal minn l-iskola ikorru/iweggaw jew ikunu ibghatu b'xi kundizzjoni illi tistgħa titfagħhom f'sitwazzjoni bejn hajja jew mewt.

L-access ta' din il-Klinika hija wahda strategika, facli biex kullhadd issibha, kif ukoll facli biex bil-kobor tgħaha ikollha numru sostanzjali ta' servizzi u dipartimenti ta' assistenza medika. L-intenzjoni tal-ambulanza tistgħa isservi ukoll sabiex tqassar il-hin għal-dawk il-pazjenti illi ikollhom jistennew sabiex tasal l-ambulanza minn barra mil-Belt (dik ta' Mater Dei).

Servizzi:

B'hames parkeggi 'Drop Off' B'ghaxar parkeggi 'Stand-By'
B'parkegg għall-ambulanza gewwa il-lokalita.

Ambulance Services

Ophthalmic

Blood works & Warfarin

Cardiac Clinic

Dermatology Clinic

Diabetes Clinic Dietician

I.B.S Unit

Digital Imaging (X-Rays)

Down Syndrome Unit

Ear syringing

Electrocardiography (ECG)

Fibromyalgia Clinic

GP Home Visits & Walk-ins

Gynaecology

Vaccination

Mental Health Services

Physical Activity Program

Treatment room

Alternative Medicine
Orthopaedic,
Chiropractor
POYC & Prescription Unit
Physiotherapy
Plaster Removal Room
Podiatry
Follow Up / Review Clinic
School Health Services
Scoliosis Clinic
Speech language Unit
Sports and Exercise Medicine
Clinic Baby
Clinic Burns & Wound Unit

L-istess binja hija maqsuma fit-tnejn; Quddiem/Isfel u Wara/Fuq. Filwaqt illi l-parti ta' Wara/Fuq isservi ghal-skopijiet medici.. il-bicca ta' Quddiem/Isfel tistgħa isservi ghal-skopijiet oħrajn bħal;

1) Ċentru "Multi Service One Stop Shop". Biex b'hekk jerga iservi bħala użu għal-Kommunita' permezz tal-introduzzjoni ta' Micro-Units - għal-ID Cards, Arms, Enemalta, Regjistru Pubbliku, Counseling / Social Workers, Servizzi Soċjali, Hlas ta' kull tip ta' kontijiet kemm Governattivi / Privati, Learning Facilities, Ċentru ta' Votazzjoni b'seating areas jew jistgħa jaħdem id f'id mal-iskola tal-Belt bħala Activity Hub.

2) Child Care centre għal-matul il-gurnata. Dan il-centru jiġi estiż għal-dawk il-ġenituri illi jkunu jixtiequ jaqgħu siegħa overtime kif ukoll għal-ġenituri illi tinqalgħalhom xi tip ta' Emergenza Medika matul il-gurnata jew matul il-lejl, bil-patt u kundizzjoni illi jipprezentaw dokument ufficijali mill-Isptar/Klinika wara li jinqdew.

L-Ambjent

Il-Kunsill sippost huwa kommess biex jipprovdi aktar arja safja, fi għieda kontra l-tibdil tal-klima biex b'hekk jiprovdi kwalita' ta' hajja aħjar lejn ir-residenti. Hemm bzonn ta' iktar sigar u pjanti f'diversi postijiet mhux biss f'certu postijiet selettivi, dawn għandhom jintgħazlu fuq bazi fejn jipprovdu livell għoli t'ossignu w dell, kif ukoll ikunu pjantati fl-art u mhux jaqgħu f'idejn kuntrattur fejn tizdied l-ispiza fuq il-poplu.

Ġonna tal-Kommunita' fejn huwa possibbli, iktar spazji pubbliċi fejn huwa possibbli u iktar hidma favur l-ambjent – is-settur privat għandhu jinzamm il'bgħodd milli jakwista iktar spazji publici. Bħala parti mis-serhan tal-mohh għar-residenti, il-Kunsill ikun responsabli billi jieh u azzjoni kontra z-zunzan perikoluz magħruf bħala Żunzan Baġħal (Oriental Hornets).

Indafa u Reċiklaġġ; Jiġu ntrodotti r-Recycle Bins madwar il-Belt biex b'hekk ir-resident ikollu l-kumdi ta' sabiex jirreċikla mingħajr restrizzjoni jew limitazzjoni tal-hin tiegħu. Speċjalment il-kwistjoni tal-hgieg, biex b'hekk jitaqqas il-hgieg barra fit-toroq u quddiem il-bibien tar-residenti. Jiżdiedu iktar bins madwar il-Lokalita' biex jintużaw għal-Pubbliku w jiżdiedu ir-rondi tat-tbattil u tindif ta' dawn il-bins. Bħala bins hemm bzonn ukoll bins għal-hmieġ tal-klieb, il-Belt Valletta ilha l-unika Lokalita li hija verament nieqsa minn dawn – xi darba kellna, izda l-kunsill naqqas milli jgħamel manutenzzjoni, jew li jbidel skond l-uzu/deterjazzjoni matul iz-zmien.

Se tigi indirizzata l-problema tad-dhahen u polluzzjoni mill-port?

Kummerè Estrem

Ghaddew bosta jiem, gimghat, xhur mindu l-iskandlu li sehħ mil-Lukanda gewwa Triq Merkanti. Ebda azzjoni konkreta jew legali ma saret, anzi l-lukanda thalliet topera / tibni struttura permanenti. Dan huwa l-ezempju illi l-Kunsill qed jgħati? Il-Hakma tas-settur privat, l-Kunsill għandhu iwarrab milli jifavorixxi b'mod assolut lis-settur privat; il-Kunsill għandu ikun hemm biex irazzan l-abuzz kontinwu b'id sghoda kontra sfruttament, u aspetti ohra fejn ir-residenti urew bic-carr illi mhumiex komdi bihom, kemm bhala etika, principji etc...

Tneħhija tal-posters, boards li huma kkunsidrati illegali skond il-liġi. Regolarriżazzjoni tal-imwejjed u sigġijiet, biex dawn ikunu konformi mal-instruzzjonijiet tal-ispezzi pubbliċi, konformi mal-prevenzzjoni w il-paċi pubblika, aċċess pubbliku, sigurta' pubblika u residenti fejn idealment ikun hemm passaġġ biżżejjed biex tgħaddi ambulanza, fire engine, protezzjoni ċivili etc...

Strutturi permanenti qatt ma kienu, u qatt m'huma aċċettabli.

Sidien ta' negozji fejn għandhom biżżejjed imwejjed fuq ġewwa, fuq bejt, fuq parapett, ġewwa il-Propjeta' mixtrija / mikrija jingħataw biss permess ta' numru limitat; 4 massimu, u l-permess jingħataw biss taħt skrutinju fejn jirrispetta u jonora l-liġi tal-ispezzi pubbliċi. Filwaqt illi negozji fejn ma għandhomx imwejjed ġewwa l-Propjeta' mixtrija / mikrija jingħataw kunsens għal-porzjonijiet/perċentwal ikbar, dejjem jekk ikun permissibbli skond il-liġi u xorta taħt l-istess skrutinju.

Fost proposti ohra ta' bilanċ, jiġu riveduti l-permessi illi jingħataw, fosthom ikun hemm numru imniżżel

- 1) Ta' kemm il-mejda jista' jkollu l-stabiliment/kiosk,
- 2) Il-kobor u d-daqs taż-żona illi tkun permissibbli,
- 3) Kull ġbir ta' flus mill-permessi, jiġi propost illi jmur għall-investimenti f'proġetti lejn il-kommunita' Beltija.
- 4) Inziedu wkoll linji gwida ta' kif jingħataw dawn il-permessi;
 - a) Irrid ikun hemm bilfors access f'kaz ta' Emergenza; Ambulanza/ Karozza tal-Protezzjoni Civili/ Van tat-Tifi tan-Nar.
 - b) F'kaz ta' nuqqas milli jiġu riveduti dawn il-protokoli b'rispett lejn is-serhan tal-mohħ tar-residenti / publiku il-permess jiġi revokat jew temporanjament sospiż, u tingħataw penali xierqa.

Jiġu protetti l-monumenti, u siti storiċi kif ukoll jinżammu responsabbli dawk illi jagħmlu ħsara fiż-żona tal-okkupazzjoni tagħhom – flimkien jifassal Legal Agreement b'rispett lejn ir-residenti fil-viċinanza ta' dawn l-istabilimenti.

Jiġu proposti 'Depożiti ta' Assikurażżjoni' għal kull tip ta' xogħolijiet mwettqa mis-settur privat, biex b'hekk f'kaz ta' ħsarat jiġu koperti mill-istess entita illi għamlet dan it-tip ta' ħsara minflok jintefqu flus il-poplu biex isewwi l-ħsarat. Dawn ikun idettat minn ufficjal/spettur qabel ma jibda x-xogħol, waqt ix-xogħol u wara li jitlesta x-xogħol.

Żoni residenzjali jibqgħu żoni residenzjali. Ikunu biss permissibbli tip ta' kummerè essenzjali għal-kommunita' biex b'hekk inhegġu lin-negozji ż-żgħar, u nippruvaw insalvaw in-negozji li tant ilhom jagħmlu parti mill-Belt Valletta. Il-Kunsill jgħati l-għinuna tiegħu lil negozji antiki u zgħar billi jirreklamahom bla hlas fuq kull pjattaforma tal-Kunsill innifsu, kif ukoll kull pjattaforma ohra illi tkun lesta biex tikollabora.

Fl-aħħar u mhux l-inqas bhala parti minn din is-sezzjoni, naħdmu biex jiġi rispettata it-titlu tal-UNESCO World Heritage fuq il-Belt Valletta, ebda settur privat m'għandu dritt li jaħtaf art pubblika, ebda entita' m'għandha dritt teqred / timmodifika patrimonju Kulturali / Skyline tal-Belt Valletta.

Parkeggi, Traffiku u Scooters u Sigurta fit-toroq

Jiġu kkunsidrati zoni limitati ta' parkeġġ għall-E-Scooters biex nevitaw milli jiġu pparkejati bl-addoċċ. Dawn iż-żoni ta' parkeġġ jistgħu jinholqu f'zoni dedikati biss. Kif ukoll jiġu regolarizzati sabiex nevitaw kull tip ta' aċċidenti. Rigward Scooters/Muturi, jintgħazlu numru ta' parkeggi f'certu toroq fejn kull parkeġġ jista' jesa' erbgha muturi.

Iktar infurzar tal-ligi, b'azzjoni legali bhal infurzar tal-penali, kemm il-darba jkun hemm zewg persuni fuq l-istess scooter, din sa fejn naf jien hija illegali ghax hija ta periklu kemm għal-passigiera u kemm għal-nies tal-madwar. Zoni pedonali jibqgħu pedonali u mhux jiġu uzati b'scooters illi jistgħu jkorru lil dawk li minghalihom għandhom mohhom mserhha tghalli qedghin juzaw il-bankini jew xi zona pedonali; speċjalment għall-anzjani, tfal, persuni b'diffikulta tal-mobilta illi zgur mhux se jkollom cans li jwarbu jew jiskansaw il-periklu. Trid tigi indirizzata ukoll il-velocita' ta' dawn l-scooters. Nixtieq ukoll nistaqsi, x'sar mill-appelli tal-uzu tar-roti b'risq is-sahha fizika, u b'risq l-aspett ambjentali...

Aparti minn hekk, jiġi imfassal pjan fejn jinholqu parkeġġi strateġiċi għall-Infermiera, Vets, Tobba, Pulizija u Protezzjoni Civili ghax matul is-snin bosta Residenti (primarjament Anzjani u Genituri) qegħdin isibuha diffiċli biex jinqdew b'viżiti ġewwa djarhom. Din kienet suggeriment u ilment illi kull membru prezenti fit-tmexxija tal-Kunsill illum il-gurnata tul dawn l-aħħar 2/4 snin, izda mid-dhera hux tinghata importanza fuq l-agenda primarja fit-tmexxija.

Kull Dipartiment / Ministeru, jingħatalhu biss parkeġġ wiehed fil-viċinanza jew quddiem il-Dipartiment – ebda Dipartiment m'għandu bżonn ta' tlett parkeġġi, speċjalment meta matul dawn l-aħħar snin kien hemm hafna abbuż; tant huwa hekk illi l-parkeggi riservati saru ferm il-boghod mid-Dipartiment/Unit dawn it-tip ta' parkeggi jintuzaw għal-skopijiet mhux relatati mad-Dipartimenti. Fuq l-istess tema ta' Dipartimenti inkompli inheggu għas-servizz ta' minibuses għall-haddiema Governattivi, servizz illi għandu jiġi estiz sabiex jiġbor / iwassal lil haddiema f'zoni ċentrali komdi għal kullhadd. Nzied billi nistaqsi kemm-il parkegg inghata lis-settur privat?

L-aħħar izda mhux l-inqas, il-parkeggi residenzjali jizdiedu. U jergaw lura l-parkeggi residenzjali illi tnehhew mill-amministrazzjoni prezenti u dik precedenti fejn dawn wettqu biss rilokazzjoni – rilokazzjoni, l-istess numru tal-parkeggi residenzjali baqgħu relattivament l-istess. Hemm bżonn ta' inventarju tal-parkeggi madwar il-lokalita, ghax s'issa kull azzjoni, baqgħet ineffettiva – b'dan l-intervorju jiprovdi statistika cara dwar kemm verament ziedu jew tnaqqsu parkeggi residenzjali tul il-mgħedda tas-snin taht kull amministrazzjoni tal-Kunsill.

Bhala aspett għas-sigurta pedonali, hekk kif wiehed jaf il-Belt Valletta hija prinċipalment zona pedonali izda hemm ċerti zoni li għat-tfal, persuni b'wheelchair, genituri b'xi push-chair u ghax-xjuħ huma perikolużi hafna li jaqsmu t-toroq minn naha għall-ohra. Il-problema ewlenija hija r-ring road madwar il-Belt li kienu qed jaqsmu triq hija perikoluza hafna minhabba n-nuqqas ta' aċċess għall-pedestrians kif ukoll toroq arterjali ġewwa zoni residenzjali. Bl-implimentazzjoni ta' *multi zebra crossing* f'zoni strateġiċi, ikun mod irħis (*cost-effective*) biex il-qsim ta' toroq partikolari jkun aktar sigur għal kulhadd – numru zghir ta' zebra crosses u limitazzjoni ta' zebra cross wahda f'tul triq kollha ma hiex soluzzjoni speċjalment meta certu toroq saru two-way. Zgur li hemm numru ta' toroq li jistgħu jibbenefikaw minn dan it-tip ta' multi zebra crossing biex it-triq tkun aktar faċli u sigur biex individwi jharsu u jaqsmu minn kull angolu.

Milghux saret laqgħa barra mill-Kunsill, fost erbgħa minn nies u s-Sindku. Mhux se nidhol fil-mertu għala saret barra mill-Kunsill, mingħajr stedina talr-residenti biex jattendu jew jekk saritx għal-quddiem il-camera sabiex ta' parsi qed jsir xi haga. Izda, bhala proposta kienet; 'Is-sindku fil-qalba tar-residenti jiddiskuti l-proposta li r-ring Road tal-Belt issir one way u b'hekk l-emissjonijiet jitnaqqsu bin-nofs u l-parkeggi jizdiedu bil-mijiet.' Nixtieq illi tigi pprezentata din l-istudju, u fuq liema bazi saret din il-proposta/statement... Aparti minn hekk, jekk individwu jew individwi jispicaw jiehdu dawra shiha mar-ring road, dan iffisser rata ta' emmissjoni għida, sabiex wiehed iwassal xi persuna anzjana jew b'xi dizabilta lejn xi Dipartiment jew semplici indirizz oppost dan ikollu jaqşam u bosta nafu illi ma hemmx zebra crossings mifruxa madwar il-lokalita u anqas nħoss li huwa sew li individwu għandhu jehel mixja itwal speċjalment jekk ikollu xi dizabilta. Għal-soluzzjoni wahda, hemm iktar riperkuzzjonijiet u inkonvenienzi.

Il-Berga ta' Baviera tghall-Uzu tal-Kommunita

Ilment kontinwu, proposta illi dejjem kienet fuq il-quccata tghana r-residenti hija propju Dar tal-Anzjani għal-Beltin.

Il-Berga ta' Baviera hija propjeta ideali. Ċentru t'Akkomodazzjoni, Shelter u Rijabilitazzjoni għall-Anzjani. Din tibqgħa taht il-pussess tal-Gvern/Poplu Malti, kif ukoll is-servizzi tghaha biex b'hekk l-ispejjez ikunu minimi mingħajr it-tielet persuna bħal 'il-Knisja jew xi kuntrattur' fejn l-ispejjez tat-tielet persuna izzied l-piz fuq ir-residenti anzjani. Minflok il-60%, nipponu illi jinzamm biss 50% tal-pensjoni.

Fejn hemm il-Garages tal-Berga jservu bhala post għall-Emergenza bħal-Ambulanza biex b'hekk jiġi evitat iktar dewmien għal-Anzjani, kif ukoll l-Ambulanza tista tintuża għas-servizz tar-Residenti Beltin fil-bżonn, u ta' dawk iċ-ċittadini Furjanizi.

Flimkien mal-ħsieb addizzjonali illi jitpoġġa unit apposta għat-tifi tan-nar u tal-Protezzjoni Ċivili f'każ ta' xi tip t'assistenza oħra.

Bandli

Milghux thabbar proġett ta bandli hdejn Sant Iermu. Nibda billi ngħid illi l-proposta ma tirriflettix proposta inklussiva għal dawk it-tfal b'xi kundizzjoni ta dizabilta'. It-tieni thassib huwa illi l-bandli ma jidherx li se jkollu xi tip ta' sigurta għat-tfal meta tikkunsidra illi se jsir ezatt hdejn triq principali. Kif ukoll, nixtieq konferma jekk dan il-bandli hux se jafettwa s-swali tal-Belt Valletta peress illi skond il-pjanta ppublikata jidher jew jgħati l-impressjoni illi se jkun hemm ammont konsidervoli ta thaffir fis-swali fejn gie propost il-bandli. Il-Kunsill għandhu jimira wkoll għal-Outdoor Gyms bħalma hemm f'diversi lokalitajiet.

Graszi


Mr. Billy J. McBee

Valletta

Mayor Alfred Zammit
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Dear Mr. Zammit,

I am writing in response to the following statement released by your Local Council;

"Il-Kunsill Lokali tal-Belt Valletta (Citta' Umilissima) jagħmel riferenza għal aħbar riċenti rigward l-instalazzjoni ta' platform fi Triq il-Merkanti bejn Triq St. Kristoforu u Triq l-Arcisqof mis-sidien tal-lukanda Rosselli. Il-permess biex jipproġġa dan il-platform la għie miġlub lil u wisq anqas approvat mill-istess Kunsill. Tali platform ma għandhux ikollha post f'dak l-ambjent. Wieħed qed jitkellem fuq Triq il-Merkanti faċċata ta' dak li kienet magħrufa qabel bhala l-Universita' l-antika ta' Malta u hdejn il-Knisja tal-Geżwiti. Jiġi ritenut li l-Belt Valletta għandha identita' partikolari totalment differenti minn kwalunkwe belt oħra f'Malta u għandha identita' partikolari mill-lat ta' 'civilta' u kultura. Hija ċ-ċentru Malti mill-lat ta' amministrazzjoni pubblika, kummerċjali, parlamentari u ġudizzjarju. Dik il-platform la għandha post u wisq anqas kellha tipogġa fejn kienet intiża li ssir. L-aspett storiku u kulturali tal-Belt Valletta għandhu jiġi rispettati. Il-Kunsill Lokali qatt ma kien ser ikollu oġġezzjoni sabiex ikun hemm permess biex jipproġġew numru raġjonevoli ta' sigġijiet u mwejjed, iżda għall-istruttura goffa u mhux flokha f'dak l-ambjent oltre' li ma tirrispettax sia l-estetika u sia l-prattiċità da parti tar-residenti tal-Belt li jiffrekwentaw dawk in-nahiet. Li kieku l-istess Kunsill kien notifikat b'tali talba kieku mill-ewwel ma kien jagħti l-ebda kunsens u jopponi ruhu bil-qawwa kollha. Il-Kunsill Lokali tal-Belt Valletta jappella lill-Awtorita' l-Ippjanar sabiex tirrevoka tali permessi.."

For starters I would like to express my deepest disappointment in the current mismanagement of the council; such disappointment did come as a surprise since I personally had never expected that such mismanagement could ever be repeated after the previous administration. Such disappointment escalated even further when the political party had my earliest support therefore the hurt grows even deeper. Even more so, when you as a mayor and as a local council should never silence or virtually block or dismiss any resident/citizen such as myself whenever we approach you with questions that require your answers.

The commercial over taken of Valletta has been slowly building up. Your first ever intent upon being elected was to convert Evans Building into yet another Hotel. This has placed us residents in a set back, as nowadays the departments that were hosted within Evans Building has now been moved outside of Valletta, why should departments be reduced from a Capital City?.... Especially when some departments are being transferred into private offices, at the cost of the tax payers which contribute to further National Expenses, when in my understanding all departments were hosted within Governmental owned buildings at no additional expense.

Regarding the commercial over take of Valletta, you and the council have been completely silent with this regards. It's time to go from silent or from words into

action. I would like to ask for your clarity as to where your interests lay; the interest towards the residents should come first and always, yet there has been no such projects or efforts from your end that could enrich our lives, there has been no motivation to increase or strengthen the Valletta Community – on the contrary as every bit and every corner of Valletta is falling under the private sector, residential areas also have been over taken by the private sector at the detriment of us residents both during day time and night time. And if ever we seek for your assistance, or that of the local council we get dismissed or directed in the wrong direction just so we could have our complaints fail for waste of time or simply end up at the bottom of your priority list.

We residents have compromised far more than enough; we have tolerated establishments in occupying our public spaces with their chairs, tables, umbrellas, temporary/permanent structures... The line of balance has been abused and has been over stepped. It's not like you and your team were never aware of such things, so kindly understand that the above statement released by your Council has been an offense to us residents. As you are well aware, I had tried several times to communicate with you over the social platform, you ended up playing the victim rather than being diplomatic, and you even resorted into blocking me – a true, honest, humble, loyal mayor towards any of his residents/citizens would never make that shallow move. This similar arrogance, lack of action towards the extreme commercialism of public matters was always condemned by your/our political party – hence, further disappointment kept piling up as never have I expected for things to in the same wrong direction as those which you/we have condemned.

The local council always had enough power/sovereignty/jurisdiction over anything that happens within its own locality. The fact that the Local Council keeps washing its hands leaves a bitter taste to say the least, as otherwise it leaves the constant questioning in the minds of us residents; why is the Local Council there for? Why do we elect a mayor, which has no power to do what is right, is it just for show, just for the title, just for salary convention? I do not feel that you are representing us residents, and sincerely I feel that you never did. Any appearance of solidarity which you have shown during a resident's lowest moments seems to have turned into an opportune moment for you; a form of a sympathy vote mechanism.

Despite the attempt of a brush off from the local council with the above statement released, still doesn't absolve you, as a mayor, to provide us residents with the full knowledge of who, what, how, when such abuses have been allowed to happen in the locality under your jurisdiction. So kindly, rectify this injustice by providing full transparency and for those involved to shoulder responsibility. I refuse to believe that the Local Council had no idea of what was happening, especially since many have spoken against the Hotel Rosselli occupying parking spaces by placing heavy pots on three parking spaces found in front of it, the Local Council ended up supporting the Hotel by removing all parking spaces found in front of the Rosselli Hotel. If the local council wants to truly be genuine and respectful towards us resident, then I appeal for the council to restore all parking spaces in Merchant Street, and it should also implement the ideology that a business should cater for the community, and not having the community cater for the business.

In terms of regulations, the Local Council should issue and enforce such measurements and restrictions to avoid any abuse by the private sector. Such regulations, or granting of permits should be based on the following:
* No establishment can occupy public spaces unless ambulances/ wheel chair space/ public accessibility/ fire engines/ civil protection/ police can pass through the area/street in question without any difficulties...

* Permits can be revoked if the establishment or its daily occupancy causes any inconvenience or disturbances to the residents both during day time and night time....

* Permits can be only given for such chairs/tables based on the 10-20% of the establishments inner hosting parameters, meaning, if the owner that has purchased or rented an establishment for business and usually there were 20 tables, then he/she/they are only allowed to occupy the area with 10% of that... Or simply go for a one policy for all; allow only four tables per establishment – after all ownership is intended for the private property and not ownership of public land/areas. This way it secures that there will be enough clients for all the other business, instead of having the typical egoist approach to gobble every client for him/her....

* Permits should be revoked if the establishment obstructs cultural/history landmarks such as fountains, monuments, which does obstruct these from being enjoyed by the tourists and the public itself...

* Permits should be revoked if ever an establishment breaks any EHD/OHSA regulations, if found of using permanent structures, or if it obstructs any public services...

* Establishments should always carry a copy or the original permit at hand; this reduces any time wasting for the police offices that truly have been trying to do their job towards us residents....

* Residential areas should be respected by keeping them as residential areas. Only essential businesses should be allowed. Repercussions and detriment to us resident could easily be avoided by creating and enforcing boundaries. After all, it is use residents that have elected you. The full loyalty of a mayor / council should be solely towards us. No loyalty from the council, means no support from us residents. I do believe that the situation has reached the breaking point of our patience, understanding and time to preserve what is left of our beloved city which unfortunately the private sector along with your silent blessing doesn't value it at all since it seems as if our city is up for sale... Regeneration does not mean giving majority to the private sector, neither does it mean having our council giving into that sector either.

A Shifting or Transferring parking space from one location to another doesn't mean you have achieved an increase of parkings – it only creates a tactic illusion. The way this subject was recently handled by your administration has cause several issues rather than solving them, it has resulted into discouraging the relatives of residents from visiting them in Valletta due to parking spaces being reduced in most areas of the city, parking spaces and areas occupied by establishments in residential areas, cars not being allowed to pass for picking up their relatives and so much more. It's a fact that most establishments have over taken a large part of Valletta and its streets/areas, as we have seen via several evidences.

So kindly, re-evaluate your priorities.