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**Matthew J. Hayek**

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**From:** Michael Lombardo [Michael-Lombardo@iowa-city.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2009 12:06 PM  
**To:** Matthew J. Hayek  
**Subject:** RE: sales tax

I do not agree that my comments are strident – Terrence and Sally yesterday were very clear that they intended to sunset the sales tax at three years so that we would be forced (there words, not mine) to support a local option sales tax that redirects revenue from all of the municipalities to fund the justice center and that if we wanted to finish funding our projects then we would have to play ball with them. Many might view that as a form of extortion should that type of bold-faced approach slip by without comment?

*--Michael.*

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Michael,

I know you're working hard on the sales tax referendum issues, but your choice of words in today's P-C is not what I would have used. Language that strident has an impact – and not one that I think benefits the city long term. This is a small community and words matter.

Matt

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