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Dear community of San Jose, and local govt.,

The work of equity and reimagine, has some interesting hopes in what it can accomplish, for all of ourselves.

I would like to add, to these good causes and purposes, that the federal agency Bauasi, is learning to leave the language and focus, as an agency, of anti-terrorism and law enforcement, into an agency of emergency preparedness and mutual aid,

It is from these good intentions, and learning better practices, they need to seriously consider, its 1-3 year funding patterns and structures, it currently practices with local Bay area governments.

It is something of, a street hustle, shell game, that seems specifically designed, to work, to confuse and obfuscate projects, and its funding sources.

And that seems, initially a part of, how govt practices, in the time of war, and what was, the u.s. war on terror.

Unfortunately, in developing, new ideas of societal peace, current BAUASI funding ideas, may be keeping a process, overly confused, and opaque, from everyday community, and even local government itself.

In this time of learning, how to ask about social/racial equity, and reimagine, I hope it can be a time, we can all consider, how federal, BAUASI funding structures, can be simplified a bit, and made so they are not as confused, and opaque, at the local level.

This can be an important job, for people of local Bay Area communities, over the next few years.

Life is a lot different, than just several years ago, how a community and its govt. talk about ideas of peace, and local open democracy.

And not war, and the local need, of national security secrecy.

The ACLU has helped a lot, in this respect. It has many ideas and guidelines, that can work towards, 'a one person, one voice' idea of local community. democracy.

And that can very much help address, new questions of equity and reimagine in local neighborhoods and communities.

It should be noted, the very good work, Fremont can do.

At their own city council meeting tonight, they will be talking about, how to use their SLES/COPS state funding, in uses of police mental health and well-being.

I hope these sorts of ideas, can be considered in San Jose, and with future Bauasi funding ideas as well.

sincerely,
blair beekman

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