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May 13 at 10 10pm

Pro-jobs Fee Waiver Report continues stellar performance

See that bold blue line? See how it continues to hover above the \$4 million cash fund balance line?

See how that never happened in our history before that vertical black line? That's when Clark County became the most business friendly community on the West Coast

Yet, we continue to hear the naysayers, week after week, deny these facts and claim that we must abandon the most successful jobs environment in our history because we just cannot afford to be that business friendly

The same naysayers deny the actual jobs and revenues reported by the businesses themselves as documented here

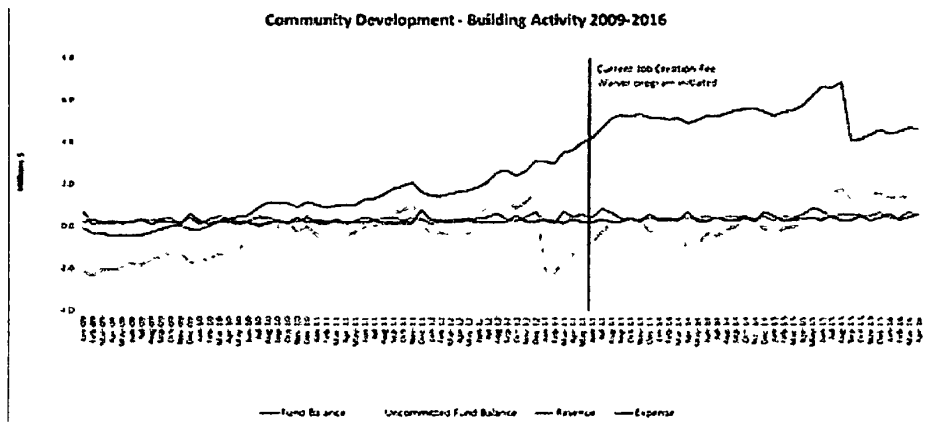
<https://www.clark.wa.gov/project-d/FeeWaiver-DEV-0416.pdf>

We are reassured that we are on the right track when the arguments against our success are so clearly proven false by the most obvious facts

Great policies supported by the truth convey confidence and give us a reason to be thankful for that success Facts — not ideology — determine reality

Clark County's economic growth continues to be the fastest growing in the state! Anyone got a truthful argument to deny that?

Thank God!



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Douglas Kazda, Allen Harstine and 3 others

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David Madore That \$2.7 million drop near August 2015 was our cash payment (no debt or tax increase) that replaced our outdated (Tidemark) permit management software

That upgrade is equipping Clark County with the best state of the art online system available. It provides streamlining, efficiency, and convenience for our users.

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Gary Hollmer How do you contradict Chuck Green's analysis?

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David Madore Gary Hollmer, we don't go to reality deniers for truth for the same reason that we don't go to a Marxist for an objective analysis of Capitalism

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Gary Hollmer I think that Mr Green, while being a Democrat, is knowledgeable and rational The data he analyzed seems to present a view of the economy of Clark County that is different than yours I don't have the ability to compare differences I was hoping you do

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Darrell Haynes What will happen when the economy tanks?

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David Madore Darrell Haynes, think of the economic race as an Indianapolis 500 with 39 cars, one for each county in Washington The weather may affect the conditions of the race for all cars In the economic race, the global economy is the weather

Clark County used to be the losing Pinto at the back of the race, several laps behind. The CREDC and our regional economist, before 2013, were telling Clark County to get used to lagging the rest of the 38 cars in the race That was forecasted to be our future

They blamed our poor performance on the recession But that's like the last cars in the Indy 500 blaming their loss on bad weather

The reason Clark County was doing worse than the rest of the state was due to poor leadership making bad decisions that made Clark County one of the least competitive business environments

We did not need to accept that losing mentality or that dismal future I knew that as a business owner of a company, that for 30 years, always grew fastest during recessions One reason was that we were always debt free That was the key reason I was compelled to step up and provide private sector leadership in the public sector to correct that glaring problem

It took 6 months to get it done Clark County became the fastest growing economy in the state within 2 months of waiving all fees for businesses and streamlining the process

We adopted the same principles that prosper businesses Focus in making your customers successful and make life easy for your customers

The global and national economy, like the weather, will affect the race by slowing or speeding up all cars But as long as Clark County is the most business friendly community on the West Coast, we have every reason for entrepreneurs to continue choosing to invest here at home and stay number one compared to all others in the economic race We ought to be the fastest car in the race

There are other factors and ways to disadvantage a community But the business friendly environment is in our control We are responsible for that and enjoying the benefits of free enterprising doing what it does best, choosing the smartest place to create wealth



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Darrell Haynes Good luck,
Time will tell

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David Madore Darrell Haynes, time has told Our business friendly advantage has been in place for nearly 3 years It appears that the Trio plans to reverse it The real world, if we will recognize it, informs us of reality

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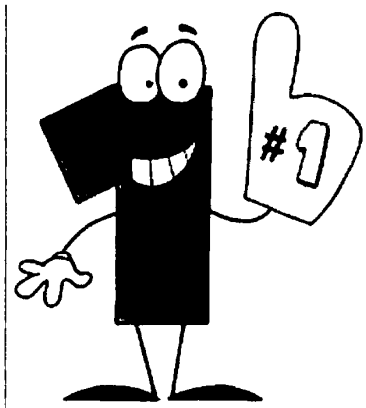
Darrell Haynes 3 years is barely a moment in time,
3 years that the economy has not tanked

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David Madore Darrell Haynes, 3 years is an eternity for those that were out of work at the start of 2013 Yet Clark County passed every other car in the economic race within 2 months of our county becoming the most business friendly in the state

No, our economy has not tanked Clark County has become #1 Our nation's jobs growth rate has hovered around 1.9% for the last 3 years while Clark County has had the fastest growing jobs growth on the West Coast Right?



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Darrell Haynes Good job David your making me proud
How about fixing our roads and infrastructure ?
Maybe clean up our road ways so that we could be proud of our city and county
If things are rolling along so well there should be revenue for things I would think?

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David Madore Darrell Haynes, our county roads (outside the cities) are the best in the state Each city maintains the roads inside city limits The metrics show Vancouver as being among the worst in the state So it matters where you live and the leadership in charge of that jurisdiction.

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