Mayor, Council Members:

In the LDFA plan, it reads this (page 9):

"However, the writers of this plan estimate that 700 more jobs may be created as a direct and indirect result of these activities. This estimate is based upon the current track record of the programs funded by the LDFA from 2003 to 2014. "

I'd like to point out this portion of the document, because it acknowledges the 711 jobs that I articulated to you previously. So the data that I gave to you with regards to job numbers was accurate and the LDFA confirmed it. But, it's also an alarming portion because SPARK claimed that the 711 jobs were NOT associated with the LDFA, whereas this document claims that they are. In the SPARK FAQ they state (and this refers to the 711 jobs):

"It's important to note that none of these programs receive LDFA funding support"

In other words SPARK says that 711 jobs were not associated with the LDFA, but the LDFA states that they were. The stories don't match. SPARK and the LDFA are not keeping a consistent story. They state one thing to one group of people, and they state another thing to another group of people.

When you make your decisions on the LDFA/SPARK, keep in mind a few things:

- It's not just a \$75,000 decision. The decisions you make will give SPARK >\$59 million. These aren't small decisions, but they are multi-million \$\$ decisions.
- If these deals go through, will SPARK/LDFA maintain transparent records to the public? In the past, SPARK has not. It's only in recent history that they've demonstrated better behavior, but will that better behavior continue once you sign the contracts?
- Here's a good question. Is it worth spending \$59 million for 700 jobs over the next 15 years? And would those jobs have come here anyway if SPARK/LDFA wasn't here?
- SPARK might tell you about Toyota and how Toyota is investing \$32 million in this area.
 Keep in mind that Toyota announced a year ago that they were investing \$28 million.
 The other \$4 million came in corporate welfare/tax breaks, as SPARK acted as a middle man between Toyota and Governor Snyder. As part of the deal, Toyota won't be paying >\$1 million to the schools. SPARK did not bring Toyota here. Toyota would have come here regardless of SPARK/LDFA.
- SPARK is running a for-profit venture capital fund for wealthy investors. Is it appropriate that tax-money is sent to them?

Thanks for listening to my concern.

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