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Regarding Consent Agenda Item 17, how can your Board be expected to approve reporting on spending of *over \$164 million dollars*, if there is no Board letter or report attached to this item as of Friday, Dec. 9, just two business days before the consent agenda is voted on? How can the public be expected to review and comment? The agenda item simply says "Will be provided" without a date.

Regarding Correspondence Item 67, the notification of a "mass layoff" by Zume Inc. Will there be any effort by the County to determine why this company is no longer able to employ 60 highly skilled workers and engineers in Ventura County? Given recent economic news for the County that we are struggling to attract high-paying jobs, particularly in manufacturing, this mass layoff is more than unfortunate. Is it part of a larger trend? If so, what is the County doing to staunch the loss of great jobs and employers like Zume? Are County policies actually helping or harming efforts to attract and retain these employers and jobs?

Thanks, Norm