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Having read at least part of Mayor Hanneman's proposed budget, I have the feeling that someone failed Economics 101. We are a consumer based economy and taking money away from consumers through tax and fee increases reduces the amount they have to spend. Less spending by consumers and the economy gets worse. The vast majority of first year economic students understand this simple precept but apparently not everyone does.

Please consider this brief analysis as you work the budget.

Take care, dick.

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