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June 28 City Council Public Comment — Save Our Services!

My name is **[FIRST NAME]** and I am a proud Oakland city worker and member of **[UNION]**.

For **[X]** years, I've dedicated myself to **[briefly describe your job]** to ensure **[explain the impact of your work on residents]**.

Today, I'm here to urge you to protect city services and the workers who provide them.

City workers are the backbone of our essential services, yet we are stretched so thin that we are doing the jobs of 2 or 3 people.

Cutting staff means cutting services.

Residents deserve better.

The revenue coming from the Coliseum sale right now is a life raft for public safety.

It's a life raft for our libraries, our parks, our infrastructure, and our economy.

We need to use it.

Using one time funds in an emergency is about safeguarding our city's core operations.

Moving forward, the City can and must explore every avenue to collect revenue.

This is what fiscal responsibility looks like.

Use the sale. Save our services.

Thank you.