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## Mayor and Council Members:

Please help me to understand why you insist on developing a health department for the city of West Covina. All of your planning from the structure of the departments to the fee scale that you are adopting tonight are exactly the same as LA County. You have not even tried to look at the needs of West Covina in order to develop a health department that would be better meet those needs. We are spending money for the exact same services we can get through the County. In regards to the services, you are planning on independently contracting all services. Isn't that the same as having the services provided by the County? It's through a third party, and the City of West Covina has no control over the consultants, in fact in the contract with Transtech it states "Neither the City or any of it's agents shall have control over the conduct of the consultants or any consultants employees". They are an independent contractor and not an employee of the City. This ill conceived project will never be approved by the State of California due to West Covina's financial standing. Please stop wasting resident's money and employee's time!

Teresa Cozad