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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:

I oppose the recommendation that the Registered Code Enforcement Officer registration program be cancelled. Code enforcement officers are responsible for enforcing both state statutes and municipal codes, and should have basic training and sanctioning by the State of Texas, as is currently the case.

Also, since CEOs are responsible and liable for correctly following due process, and understanding civil and criminal statutes within the state, failure to have a registration program to track who may issue violations of rules, statutes and codes is essential; it should be no less than the process used for peace officers.

Failure to maintain the existing registration process will result in less consistency in enforcement of state statutes in different jurisdictions across the state, more poorly trained officers, the potential of individuals with criminal histories to be able to issue violations (which potentially lead to fines, abatement or takings), less confidence by the public in quality of CEOs, and the inability of the state to remove the ability of an individual to issue violations (by revoking the registration for disciplinary reasons).

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would recommend that the current system be kept in place, and any necessary modifications or refinements be made. It appears the suggestion to dissolve this program may be a case of fixing what is not broken.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree