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Dear Dennis,

Since our meeting last week to discuss parking for retirees, I have had an opportunity to read the full text of the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee's Recommendations to Vice Chancellor Nosek. It answers the questions I had about statistics. Here is the relevant paragraph:

"For fiscal year 2002/03, TAPS issued 1495 retiree permits at no cost to the user. The majority of these permits are issued to individuals living in the Davis area. After sampling 100 retiree permit holders, TAPS concluded that less than 5% of current retiree permit holders would continue to request a permit if a fee is required. The proposed cost of the permit is \$55 a year (10% X \$552: "A" permit annual rate) and will provide limited access (maximum usage per month is four visits). It is estimated that approximately 50 retirees will opt to purchase a retiree permit. Based on this figure the projected net revenue gain is \$2,750 a year (\$55 X 50)."

The consensus of our group, without knowing the financial analysis on which the recommendation was based, was that any financial benefit to the campus from instituting a fee for retiree parking would be outweighed by the cost in terms of decreased participation by retirees in all aspects of campus programs, including fund-raising. To take such a risk for the sake of \$2750, mere budget dust, seems extremely ill advised.

Yours sincerely,



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