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Take a walk through one of our many overcrowded and/or dilapidated schools. Look at all the cops, teachers and other county employees who being forced to leave jobs in their own hometown for jobs in surrounding counties that pay as much as 15 percent more.

Now look at the millions of dollars worth of land being bought, bulldozed and paved over, at all the expensive billboard, print and television

advertising being purchased, at all the downtown storefronts being occupied one after another by wealthy out-of-state developers, and give me one good reason why these same developers shouldn't be asked to pay an impact fee to offset the cost of needs they have either created or exacerbated?

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