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implement which the elderly probably need more than anybody else, they'll vote for it. And I think that is totally wrong. If this tax is to be imposed we ought to at least show the consideration for those who will be harmed by it, that we show for the people at large in a city by saying before there can be an increase in the sales tax there must be a vote of the people. This is one of those sneaky, underhanded things that the Legislature often will do. Public safety is one of those things which should not be fee-based, it should be paid for from General Funds. I'd like to ask Senator Abboud a direct question now. Senator Abboud, how much money would it take to pay for this upgrade that is being talked about?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you know.

SENATOR ABOUD: I don't have that number as far as how much the...I think I have some numbers here, how much the overall...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, that's what I mean, the overall.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...upgrade. I don't...I can get those numbers for you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you have an estimate? If not, I can wait.

SENATOR ABOUD: I can...I can talk to somebody about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I'll wait until you can get that. But, members of the Legislature, the amount is not staggering, but the administration, who now has to stand for re-election, has talked about, I don't know if he's boasted about cutting property taxes or holding the line on property taxes, but this is the perfect political ploy, being able to boast about upgrading 911 without raising the property tax. But I bet he will not boast about having snuck a 50-cent increase on everybody's phone bill. Now he cannot be completely blamed. A sneak cannot be successful unless he has some sneakers and "sneakesses" who support him. And the people who support him will not get away with it, if I can have anything to say about it. Those who are wealthy often will say this is a piddling