

ITEM NO. 5

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Brent Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Sukhmani Purewal
Subject: Harbor District agenda item -- 5-19 Public comment

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It is incumbent upon civilized societies to protect victims. It is incomprehensible that San Mateo County is struggling with the issue of siding with the perpetrator against the victim in this case. Sabrina Brennan obviously did not choose to be the victim of sexual harassment here. The perpetrator is the person, the public official, that sent pornographic pictures to another elected official. We should not be victim shaming or taking the side of the perpetrator in this case or any other case. It is apparent that local political agendas are exacerbating the heinous actions of a sexual predator and we must make sure that the victim is allowed proper remedy. It is the person that SENT the pornographic material that should be the focus, not the person who received the pornographic material. By bullying the victim we are demonstrating the worst of human behaviour. We are better than this. San Mateo County is known as the most corrupt and dysfunctional county in the state. This is shameful to our citizens and a bad example for our children

Brent Turner

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Bud Ratts [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:30 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Comment for item#5 Harbor District

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RE: Board of Supervisors 5/19/2020 meeting agenda item #5 Harbor Board of Commissioners and request of updated Municipal Service Review on San Mateo County Harbor District by San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
My Background: Stanford MBA, former Director of Management and Financial Planning Stanford University. Currently retired.

Comments:

- I have been involved in the District since 2003 and have participated in numerous finance committee meetings. This District has made great progress in financial soundness and reporting implementing many of my suggestions.
- I was active in the Policy and Governance Committee as a "Public Member" working to bring ethical governance and transparency to the District's Activities in accordance with the principles of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. At the October 18, 2019 meeting of the Commission, I was removed from the Committee, no reason given to me, and the Committee on Policy and Governance deleted as a standing Commission Committee. I was never informed of this action.
- Sabrina Brennan and Ed Laranas were elected by the largest number of voters as any of the other Commissioners and they have been denied any officer positions and committee assignments. The other Commissioners, Reyerling, Mattusch, and Chang Kiraly have disenfranchised the majority of voters for the Commission.
- Apparently the motivation for these actions is related to Brennan's sexual harassment filing. Commissioner Brennan's complaints have always been about "justice and transparency" and never has she sought financial remuneration nor will she. This apparently was the motivation to dissolve the Policy and Governance Committee.
- In the past year's Commissioner's Brennan and Laranas have been the implementing forces behind numerous accomplishments by the District:
 - West Trail living Shoreline
 - Surfers Beach san replenishment
 - Surfers Beach bathrooms
 - Strategic Plan
 - Moving to district elections
 - Purchase of land for administrative building
 - Finances are in good order and excellent audit history
 - Vastly improved budget process
 - Implementation of a Capital Budget process.

Yes, the Municipal Service Review needs to be updated to reveal the operating improvements that have been made and to reveal the current dysfunction in the Board of Commissioners who refuse to work with Commissioner Brennan and Laranas who want to bring Justice, Transparency and Good Governance to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with well-established norms and ethical standards.

Best Regards,
Frank "Bud" Ratts

[REDACTED]

ps. I have read these 3 times and all times have been under 3 minutes.

Re. Agenda Item #5 (Board Meeting of May 19, 2020)

I strongly object to Supervisor Horsley's request for an updated Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the San Mateo County Harbor District, on the following grounds:

The COVID19 crisis has forced public meetings to online formats like Zoom. These venues significantly limit public participation in government. Widely accepted good governance practices dictate that only the most essential, noncontroversial matters should be decided upon through online meetings. Requesting a MSR which could lead to the Harbor District's dissolution and initiating this process in an online webinar is unacceptable.

A MSR would place huge burdens on county staff and confirm community perceptions of bias. One example of bias is the fact that Commissioner Virginia Chang-Kiraly, with whom Supervisor Horsley has a warm relationship, currently holds two elected offices with overlapping jurisdictions in San Mateo County and has been doing so for over three years. The fact that the Supervisor never requested a MSR in response to concerns voiced by members of the public over this issue of incompatible office, yet may requested one now in response to current events at the Harbor District, speaks to this perception of bias.

As a restoration ecologist researching marine policy, I am convinced of the value of the District and in particular the importance of the good work of Commissioners Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas, both of whom are strong advocates for coastal communities.

I respectfully urge you to table any discussion of an updated MSR for the Harbor District for the near future, at least until the public has an opportunity to meaningfully weigh in at in-person meetings.

Thank you,

James Lee
Redwood City



Sukhmani Purewal

From: Kris Lannin Liang [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:49 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: REGULAR AGENDA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 5. Discuss and/or Act on concerns regarding Harbor Board of Commissioners and request for updated Municipal Service Review on San Mateo County Harbor District by San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). S...
Attachments: BOS Agenda re harbor board.pdf

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Over three years ago, NBC/CBS reported on pornography Commissioner Mattusch emailed to Commissioner Brennan. The SMCBOS could have called for a Grand Jury investigation and Mattusch's resignation. Instead, the BOS ignored charges of sexual harassment and Commissioner Reyring's request for his resignation (published in the HMB Review). Why is Supervisor Horsley calling for a MSR over three years after the charges were made, and why won't he call for Mattusch's resignation? Is it because he disapproves of Brennan's use of anatomical language to describe images Mattusch emailed to her? Is his reticence to blame for the lack of action taken when the FBI caught Bolanos and Munks at a massage parlor that trafficked underage sex slaves?

Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas have accomplished a great deal since they've been on the Commission. Below is some examples:

Sea Level Rise Resiliency Committee (first ever for the district)

District included in discussions held both the state and county level on climate change and sea level rise resiliency. Two projects were brought to the board and moved forward. These projects are well underway and considered models for innovative approaches to dealing with the inevitable consequence of sea level rise.

1. West Trail living shoreline: Revisited the planned hardscape armoring resulting in a beach and trail protection project that will use a living shoreline and sand replenishment.
2. Surfers beach sand replenishment was moved forward significantly.

Surfers beach bathrooms

Members of the public have complained about the lack of Bathrooms at Surfers beach for over a decade. Larenas and Brennan working with staff brought together stakeholders to work out an agreement to renovate the day-use lot which will result in a complete renovation of that portion of the property and include public bathrooms, showers increased ADA parking and landscaping. It has a high level of public and funding support.

The Strategic Plan

Almost complete after years of delay

Wildlife Protection Committee

Has significantly increase protection for marine mammals and migratory birds by use of educational signage and by working with staff to enforce protective measures such as boat speed limits. The committee was **disbanded by the board president this year.**

Moving to district elections was initiated and completed.

Purchase of land for administrative building

Finances in good order and excellent audit history

Please reconsider the importance of removing Mattusch from the Commission and take steps to prevent any further sexual (or other) harassment from occurring.

With sincere appreciation for the *good* work you do,

Kris Lannin Liang

Moss Beach

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Regina Islas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:21 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Sukhmani Purewal
Subject: Comment for the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting Agenda Item 5

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Dear Clerk:

Please read the following comment at the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting Agenda Item 5:

It is my understanding that in 2018 Supervisor Don Horsley declined to assist two sexual harassment victims employed by the San Mateo County Harbor District when they requested his help. Horsley also neglected to report the sexual harassment complaints.

Given Supervisor Horsley's refusal to act appropriately when originally informed of this complaint, and up to the present moment; should recuse himself from the LAFCo Commission on all votes related to the San Mateo County Harbor District. His behavior of late seems based in retaliation, rather than any willingness to have the matter investigated impartially and thoroughly as necessitated.

All elected officials are by virtue of the offices they hold, and the public trust they are sworn to uphold, obliged to act as mandated reporters. Complaints, especially of this nature, should be accorded seriously and with respect. Supervisor Horsley has egregiously failed to act in accordance with his role, in this matter.

Onward together,

Regina S Islas
[she/her]

[REDACTED]

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Tom Brennan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:55 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Sukhmani Purewal
Subject: BoS Agenda Item 5 May 19, 2020

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Dear Board Members:

The remarks that follow are my comments on recent remarks by Supervisor Don Horsley and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin on ABC Channel 7. Even though, Mr. Horsley has been aware of the culture of sexual misconduct and retaliation in San Mateo County for decades, he sat on his hands and did nothing when Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Greg Munks were detained in a FBI human-trafficking raid on a massage parlor in Las Vegas. In fact, San Mateo County Sheriff's vehicles were used for the trip to Vegas. The sting, named "Operation Dollhouse," targeted the operators of at least seven suspected bordellos. Police made six arrests and found 25 alleged prostitutes.

Sheriff Munks released a statement that said: "I believed I was going to a legitimate business." He added, "I would not, nor did I, break any laws. Neither did the undersheriff Bolanos." The FBI found Munks and Bolanos in a single-story home outfitted with bars on the windows, stained mattresses on the floors, party drugs, industrial size pump containers of lube, and used condoms.

The San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission should not be used as a political tool to retaliate against an elected representative for blowing the whistle on sexual harassment and retaliation. Commissioner Sabrina Brennan's frustration is appropriate based on the pornography Commissioner Tom Mattusch emailed her and the complete lack of disciplinary action taken against Mattusch for his inexcusable behavior.

I request that Supervisor Don Horsley refrain from engaging in any further victim retaliation and I ask that he recuse himself from consideration of a Municipal Service Review of the Harbor District.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Franklin

Sukhmani Purewal

From: D L [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:58 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
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Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting: May 19, 2020 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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Please read the following comment at the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting AGENDA ITEM 5:

Over three years ago NBC Bay Area and CBS KPIX news reported on pornography Harbor Commissioner Tom Mattusch emailed Harbor Commissioner Sabrina Brennan.

In 2017, after reviewing the pornographic email the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors could have called for a Grand Jury Investigation into the allegations and Tom Mattusch's resignation from the Harbor Commission.

Instead, County Supervisors ignored the pornography, sexual harassment allegations, TV news reports and Harbor Commission President Nancy Reyering's request for Mattusch's resignation, published in the Half Moon Bay Review newspaper. Why is Supervisor Don Horsley calling for a Municipal Service Review more than three years after sexual harassment was reported? He should have called for Mattusch's resignation in 2017.

Earlier this month, Supervisor Don Horsley and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin were interviewed on ABC Channel 7 by reporter Stephanie Sierra, the daughter of Congresswoman Jackie Speier. During the interview Horsley and Mullin complained about the county harbor commission. They disapproved of Brennan's use of anatomical language to describe the pornography Commissioner Mattusch emailed her. Based on the interview it's apparent that Horsley would like to gag Brennan because discussing sexual harassment and retaliation at public meetings makes him uncomfortable.

This speaks volumes about the complete lack of response by the County Board of Supervisors when Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Greg Munks were caught by the FBI at a massage parlor that trafficked underage sex slaves.

Sincerely,
Vidalia E. Ponce

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Nancy Reyring [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 8:33 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: DESK ITEM FOR 5/19 AGENDA ITEM 5

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Dear President Slocum and Board of Supervisors,

The SMC Harbor District is doing an important job during this challenging time of Covid and the SIP orders. Our harbor personnel, our staff, and especially our GM Jim Pruett, are a credit to the County.

The District is continuing essential operations, including 24/7 Search and Rescue operations from its two harbors, running rescue services, managing OPM and Pillar Point Harbors, and continuing District service oversight of boat slips, launches, fuel docks, fishing piers, fish sales, RV and car parking lots, and public restrooms and showers.

The District is unified around issues related to safety, environmental oversight and prioritizing capital improvements at both of our harbors. Our Harbor Patrol rescue personnel perform extraordinary life-saving work around the clock. The heroism of these individuals cannot be overstated. The work of the San Mateo County Harbor District is not widely understood, but it should be. The facilities and harbors we oversee at Pillar Point and Oyster Point benefit all of us.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, in March the Harbor District closed most of its facilities. On May 8, around-the-clock staffing resumed at both Pillar Point Harbor and Oyster Point Marina, though public facilities remain closed.

I want to acknowledge that one single commissioner has been quite disruptive to the commission's work. And I understand the Board's interest in getting past this embarrassment. The Harbor commission has taken action to address this issue by clarifying its parliamentary procedures and tightening up the meeting focus.

As I see it this Board has three options for addressing the issue on Tuesday:

1. Doing nothing and trusting that the Commission has the issue under control. The majority of the Commission has been and will continue to do good work and contain the disruption through the end of the term of the single commissioner.
2. Consider appointment of commissioners rather than direct election this autumn. This option also has the added advantage in that it would save the District over \$1MM every two years, which is the amount the County assesses the District for holding elections.

3. Dissolve the Harbor District. The result of this would be a great discouragement to our harbor personnel, our staff, and the majority of the Board who are working hard to get the business of the District done. It would be an especially egregious action during this time of Covid and SIP, for our personnel are already under tremendous stress, and to make them fear for their jobs would be great disservice.

LAFCo's position has been that "the District is county wide and duplicates the governance and administration offered by the Board of Supervisors and County administration." Accordingly, referring this matter to LAFCo amounts to an endorsement of option 3, Dissolve the Harbor District. However, given the Board's understandable reluctance to take on direct management of the District, I suggest that this option would effectively result in option 2 (appointment of Commissioners).

Respectfully,
Nancy Reyerling
President, SMC Harbor District