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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Meeting of February 20, 2021

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AGENDA ITEMS 4 & 6

CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4 APPLICANTS

Antoinette Mann

From: Mike Johnson
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Antoinette Mann
Subject: FW: -EXT- DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMEMBER VACANCY

On 2/19/21, 4:02 PM, "Karen Hendrick" wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I have just learned that you intend to take up the matter of the City Council vacancy in my District, District 4, tomorrow. I also understand that you still intend to appoint one of the 14 applicants (candidates) in spite of the desire of strong desire of the citizens (voters) in District 4 who have asked that you let the vacancy be filled by the voters in the District.

I hope that you choose to read this to the very end, as you should...

I highly object to this decision. I understand that the cost of a Special Election would cost the City approximately \$90,000. I know that the City cannot afford that. But, you CAN allow the position to remain vacant until November. In doing that, you afford the citizens in District 4 the opportunity to exercise our right to vote for the candidate WE choose. How draconian of all of you to take away my right to vote for the candidate that I feel is most qualified. If you go forward, you will anger a vast number of citizens (voters) who may not be so inclined to vote for special projects that a majority of the Council might bring to the table (ballot). Items of importance to you...just as my vote is important to me.

Mr. Friedman and Mr. Halter, THANK YOU for your wisdom and the respect you have shown us by voting against the appointment. You stood your ground, and we appreciate that.

For the remaining four of you, I understand that you have an individual whom you have already "hand-picked" for the position. And, won't that person be delighted to have the word "INCUMBENT" under his/her name on the ballot. You all understand the huge value that brings to a person seeking office...and how it takes away the fairness of an election by your action.

Voting is a right that I and so many citizens cherish. I am guessing each of you enjoy that right as well. You have taken that away from me/us and I absolutely resent that, if you do, indeed, appoint an individual tomorrow.

Do the right thing tomorrow, as a body of rightfully ELECTED officials, and choose to abstain from appointing an individual who I and many of my District 4 friends and neighbors would not like to have represent us. Let US cast our votes in November.

Thank you for your time.

Karen R. Hendrick

Ventura, CA 93004

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Tracy Oehler

From: Laura Espinosa
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 4:16 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Resend letter of support for Special meeting 2-20-21
Attachments: Jeannette Sanchez Palacios City Council.docx

Tracy,
Thank you for your assistance today. I am resending for city council review for tomorrow's special city council meeting. I previously sent yesterday via electronic form and email. However, it did not go thru completely.

Thank you,
Laura Espinosa

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February 18, 2021

Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers,

This comes to you in support of candidate Jeannette Sanchez Palacios for the District 4 vacancy. I have known Jeannette for 16 years. I first met her thru our employment at SEIU 721 where I was the Lead Organizer and she was Communications Director then Political Director. We have been active together on behalf of working families throughout Ventura County, in women's issues, a number of political campaigns and more personally in a significant friendship as we watched our children grow and thrive.

The common thread in all of this is her authenticity. Jeannette is honest and transparent in all of her interactions. As a former City Councilmember of the City of Santa Paula and former union organizer, I am trained in identifying leaders. Jeannette is a leader.

In all of Jeannette's endeavors, as SEIU political director, President of the Ventura County Women's Political Council, staff in State Assembly Member's offices, her dedication to represent the community has been her focus. She is steady, even tempered, and a reliable person who will come prepared for deliberation and decision making.

She will be a tremendous asset to the City of Ventura by bringing a wealth of knowledge of not only local city government, but state and federal government as well. She is well respected in all corners of political houses. She has developed relationships throughout Ventura County that will benefit the City of Ventura.

She will serve the District well because she relates to issues that are important to city residents, safe, affordable housing, protections for local beaches, parks and other public spaces, a general plan that works for the entire city, jobs that will sustain Ventura families, streets and roads that are well maintained and public safety that works with the community. She and her family are invested in Ventura.

Jeannette also has a creative side that supports win-win solutions to complex problems. She is bold in thinking outside of the box, tempered by her willingness to form consensus with those she works with.

The Council has the opportunity to select an intelligent, female, Latina leader in a historical time where representation matters. I see resilience, cultural humbleness and a desire to truly serve the community. Jeannette Sanchez Palacios brings education, work experience, community building and personal traits that are not often found all in one individual.

I highly recommend, without any hesitation, Jeannette Sanchez Palacios for your appointment to City Council, District 4.

Laura Espinosa
Former City Councilmember
City of Santa Paula

Tracy Oehler

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 4:20 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

Public Comment Form

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Name Lynn Arneill-Brown

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Select Legislative/Hearing Body City Council

Meeting Date 2/20/2021

Select a Topic: Public Comments

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Written Comments Many in District 4 would like to see Councilman Mike Johnson recuse himself from voting on the District 4 Appointee. It has been said that Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios donated to his campaign and he helped to get her on the Planning Commission. Most in District 4 don't see how this appointee process is going to be fair.

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Meeting Date	2/19/2021
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Field not completed.
Written Comments	I have been a Ventura County Resident for the almost 19 years I have been alive. I am commenting to strongly endorse Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios to represent District 4 on the Ventura City Council. Given the increased local and national attention to racial inequity last summer, and the pervasive inequities prevalent throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, Jeannette is the only option to move Ventura forward towards progress, towards health, and towards unity. District 4 includes

Saticoy and she's the only Latinx candidate that is bilingual and can connect with those constituents that are often left out of the decision making table. It is imperative those voices now more than ever be included, and she is the only one who can get us there. Additionally, her experience working with government will be invaluable on our City Council since she works for the state legislature and brings lots of knowledge of how to get resources/funds to our city to help with pandemic recovery. Jeannette for D4.

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Antoinette Mann

From: Deborah Meyer-morris
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Council
Subject: -EXT- District 4 City Council Appointment

Dear Mayor & City Council:

Thank you for giving the citizens of east Ventura an opportunity to view the EVCC applicant forum last night and learn more about the candidates. I hope that some of you had an opportunity to watch it as it was really informational. There are was so shortage of passion, and some very articulate and well qualified speakers.

If I had to vote in an election as to my top two, I would vote for Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios. I would also note that she stands far and above the rest in experience, vision, and the ability to hit the ground running and serve District 4 based on the diversity of her life experience and professional resume. As second most impressive and qualified I would vote for Brad Golden.

I would also like to add that I was also impressed by several others, including Jenny Lagerfield, Bonaventure Wakam, TylerThreadgill, and John Lory. I hope that collectively you can find ways to offer involvement opportunities to these very concerned and dynamic citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deborah

Deborah Meyer- Morris
Resident District 4

Sent from my iPhone.

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