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AGENDA ITEM 9C

Removal of Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Michael MacDonald

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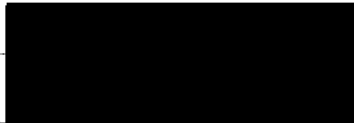
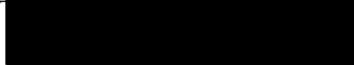

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Name	Adam Nelson
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9C - Removal of Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	Dear City Council, I can't speak to the allegations cited in the staff report as there are very few specifics and no additional details have been publicly shared to my knowledge. However, I can speak to my interactions with Spencer Noren during my time on the Parks

and Recreation Commission. At all times, Spencer has demonstrated a passion for making Ventura a better place for current & new residents. He has been proactive in seeking out and listening to constituent input and helping to identify appropriate follow-up actions. He is not afraid to question the status quo and that can be a benefit at times. I believe these attributes have a positive impact on the Parks and Rec Commission as we seek to serve and advise City Council. I hope a path forward can be found that allows Spencer to continue to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission on behalf of City Council while also resolving the allegations in the staff report.

Respectfully,
Adam Nelson, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

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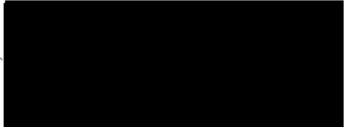

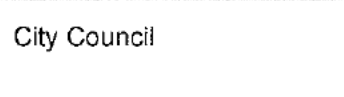
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Name	Michael Anderson
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	<p>I support keeping Spencer Noren in his position on Parks & Rec commission. He is passionate and unique and he continues to learn the public process at an appropriate level. There is not a substantial amount of training with being appointed on a commission.</p> <p>It would be damaging to the city and city council to remove him from his position. It would send the wrong message and create</p>

further divisions within our city. The best course of action is to have a written reprimand and allow for him to finish his term.

I do appreciate Spencer's efforts and yet I do not always agree with his approach. He has been appointed and should be given the ability to complete his term.

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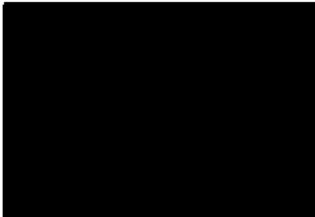
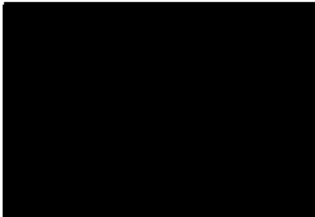
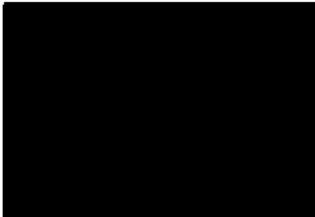
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Name	Trevor Gotsman
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9C
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Written Comments	Field not completed.
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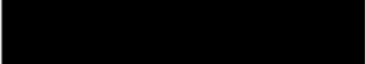

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Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9C
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	As a resident of Ventura County my whole life and a resident of the City of Ventura for 17 years I can say I have never met anyone who cares as much about the City of Ventura and its residents more than Spencer. I have seen him in action pick up trash in our parks, remove graffiti, pick up roadkill, support local businesses and mentor/coach the youth of Ventura, and this

was before he took on the role of Commissioner of P&R....and you want to remove this person? In the time that I have known Spencer I have seen him coach youth sports and can see that what he does off the field/court is for the future of these kids that he helps coach. The parks are FOR these kids. They are FOR its residents and they are for all of us to enjoy together. He instills that sense of respect and love for this community through coaching these kids Governing bodies have always encouraged its citizens to participate and act, and that is exactly what they are getting in Spencer Noren.

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Michael MacDonald

From: Victor Newmark [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:33 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Your city representative Spencer Noren

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that there has been an ongoing investigation into you parks and recreations commissioner Spencer Noren. I came across the findings of the investigation dated 6/22 and the upcoming committee action date of 6/27.

Although I am not part of this investigation, I can offer some input and insight into the character of the gentleman named in the investigation.

I have known this man for close to 10 years, and still to this day I can not understand how he even got to the position he is in to be a representative, commissioner, liaison, employee or whatever position he is in.

His moral compass is really skewed, and his need for attention is only overshadowed by his demeaning nature towards others. He bullied our family on a social media platform, and continually bullies the homeless population like he has some sort of authority or a badge.

He may be under a special investigation for one instance regarding a city employee, but that is nothing compared to the many people that he continually bullies in the area and on social media.

He is a terrible liaison to the community and will force his will and verbally belittles anyone who gives him an arena where he believes he is a voice of the City of Ventura. He is definitely a poor representative for the city to have in any position of power because even though it is not any serious position of status, he acts like he runs the entire City of Ventura and will tell you himself that he is behind the scenes running everything.

I would be embarrassed to have this man in any position as a representative, or an employee with my establishment. You are definitely doing the right thing of looking into this situation and the character of the man in question.

Best regards,

A proud Ventura County veteran

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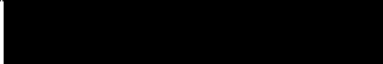
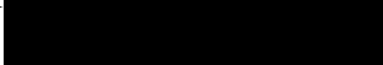
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Name	Cindy Malecky
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9C
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	Once again I find myself appalled, but not surprised, by the actions of this city council. The development department has employees who have blatantly expressed they hate the public, who they serve, and are best friends with developers. No action was taken by the city council or city manager. They continue to be employed.

5 of the city council members along with the city manager broke the law by violating the Brown Act going to Washington D.C.. The only action taken was, "oops, didn't know". Not only no action taken, the city council approved a merit raise for the city manager. Now you have Spencer Noren who passionately cares about the city of Ventura and devotes many hours working/participating to improve our city, and the mayor is asking for his immediate removal. What's wrong with this picture?! I remind the city council their actions are not going unnoticed. Unfortunately not soon enough to stop the damage you are doing to the city, but you can, and hopefully will, be replaced.

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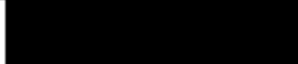
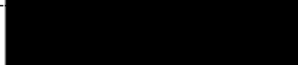
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Name	Derek Turner
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/27/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9C
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	I am on the Parks and Recreation Commission with Mr. Spencer Noren, All I ever see is professional behavior at our meetings. I see him trying to get things done and assisting us put items on our agendas that wasn't happening. Whatever his personal problems and/or conflict with the City is, I personally do NOT feel it has an impact on his role as chair of the Parks

and Recreation Commission. I actually think he is doing a great job! This is a big wake up call for him and I think a second chance is warranted. Please pull item (9C) or vote NO. Thank you, Derek Turner, Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

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Meeting Date	6/21/2022
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Field not completed.
Written Comments	How does one get information about new business that has appeared in Ventura. It is at 785 S Seaward Ave. They painted the building black and it is in full view of the 101 freeway. They plan to call it Cryptic Curations , but it's going to be another Tattoo shop. How is the city allowing a tattoo shop in this location? There is already a Tattoo shop not even 100 yards from this location. Not to mention that it is the first thing you

see when you exit the freeway . Can you assure me this was city council approved?

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