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Meeting of February 13, 2023

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3. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Tracy Oehler

From: Natalie Bruton
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:16 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liz Campos; Doug Halter; Mike Johnson; Bill McReynolds; Jim Duran; Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios; Joe Schroeder
Subject: -EXT- Agenda Item - Planning Commission

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

A grave injustice has been made to the impartiality of our Planning Commission. One of the most experienced, knowledgeable, independently thinking, unbiased and best prepared members of the Commission was removed in the most egregious manner imaginable. This Ventura resident of over 20 years is being replaced by an inexperienced newcomer with strong ties to special interest groups in Ventura.

Please see my comments and questions below regarding the proposed changes to our current Planning Commission:

- Planning Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the district City Council member, in this case District 7. Mr. McCarty has served diligently on the Planning Commission - Why is he being removed!!
- Why were 4 vacancies for Planning Commissioner posted but 5 were filled? If 5 were to be filled, then District 7 should have been listed as also open.
- No reasonable rationale for Mr. McCarty's removal has been given – "others showed interest" is not a reason (Mayor's response to a question at Midtown Community Council Mtg 2-9-23).
- Mr. McCarty has a proven track record of being fair, unbiased, independent, knowledgeable, hardworking and always professional.
- His list of qualifications is vast and broad and his leadership capabilities are unmatched.
- Mr. McCarty has been a resident of Ventura for over 20 years and provides a knowledge base which far surpasses all existing and proposed commissioners.
- Review of the experience and expertise of the proposed new commissioners shows a loss of core knowledge of our city. If this commission is approved – 3 members have no experience on the commission, and one has only 2 years. This is 4 of the 7 members. Now is not the time for gutting the knowledge of the commission.
- The Planning Commission is the FINAL SAY on building, Conditional Use Permits and other City matters that greatly influence our daily lives. A commission where a majority of the commissioners are inexperienced with the process and even the City in general makes this situation very precarious and exposed to organized special interests.

I truly respect Mr. McCarty because he looks at all aspects of a project without bias. I have not always agreed with his decisions, but I accept them because I know he has done the hard work to get to that end point.

I object to the manner in which this change has been made and writing in support of Mr. Scott McCarty, a valued member of our community willing to serve for all of us.

Thank you,
Natalie J. Bruton

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To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

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Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	Regarding Scott McCarty be fired as Planning Commissioner in District 7. Can you please tell me the reason for his firing in the middle of his term and also the qualifications for the other individuals being considered for the position? Thank you
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