Subject: Apparent partisan preferences in local government.

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It is possible I don't have my facts correct - and I am open to correction. And - as I understand things - from people I know who organized the recent May Day event on Mill Street - I understand they received critical correspondence from the City of Grass Valley regarding their event. This despite - as I understand it - having received permission and permits prior to the event. (on this - I could be mistaken)

Contrast that with the recent memorial on Mill Street, public property, for the murdered Charlie Kirk. As an African-American resident of Nevada County, and one who spends much time (and money) in Grass Valley. I find that more than problematic. I am not aware the conveners of the memorial received the same scrutiny and treatment as the May Day organizers.

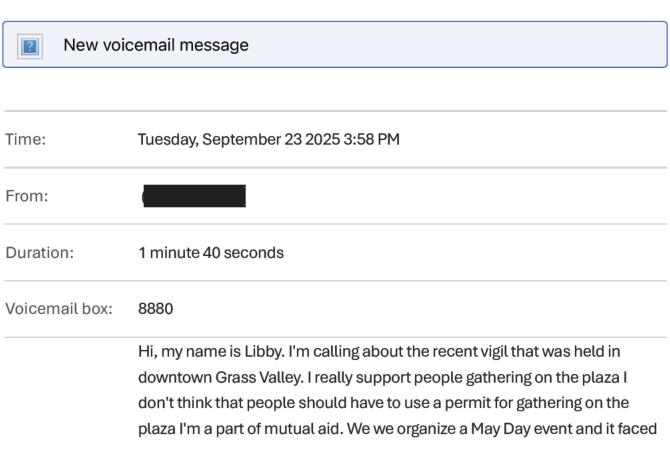
The murder of Mr. Kirk is a tragic event - alongside a long list of homicides by gun each year (about 38 per day). And - Mr. Kirk espoused a level of disdain, cruelty and harmful rhetoric toward African-Americans that is frankly - despicable. Same is true of his comments about LGTBQ and immigrants. That public property is utilized for such a person is highly improper.

I was a public servant for 42 years and Public Works Director for 42. During my tenure we went out of our way to not show a partisan preference in our appearance, values and work. Otherwise - for local government to do so - or at least look like it does - alienates some portion of the public they are paid to serve. In addition - honoring Mr. Kirk on public property is not just partisan - his message; and frankly his followers - espouse views that frankly to me and many others - are frightening.

People are free to mourn Mr. Kirk - yet - I don't believe public property is the appropriate place - especially the marvelous mall on Mill Street.

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an incredible amount of suppression There were threats of arrest. We were heavily policed. The city officials were upset with us. Local businesses were upset with us We were treated like we were a threat to public safety And I just noticed the vigil faced none of that, no threats of arrest, city officials weren't upset. There was the difference between the treatment of mutual aid versus this vigil. The difference is very stark and that is not lost on us and not shouldn't be lost on anyone. I just really want to bring that to everyone's attention that that suppression is happening of people who are trying to express their First Amendment rights and I support everyone expressing their First Amendment rights, which is so important for us to be doing that now. Also with my last little moment here, I really want to also bring to everyone's attention that the Center for the Arts, this multi-million dollar project, does not have an ADA elevator. So people with disabilities are unable to access the studios upstairs. People with disabilities are unable to bring their children to dance classes upstairs, And it shouldn't be on disabled people in our community to have to advocate for something that is legally required of that business. So I really want other people to look into that because it's unacceptable. Thanks. Thanks for watching!

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Hello,

I hope the additional 2,500 square feet can be incorporated into the current design, as that would have been the right approach from the start. Providing a safe space for the youth of Grass Valley has been a longstanding challenge, and it would be encouraging to see skateboarding recognized as a sport and supported in the same way as other athletics in our community.

With a dedicated place to ride, kids will be far less likely to gather in parking lots or the streets. Granting the money for this project should be a no-brainer—it's an investment in safety, health, and community pride. Let's make this a fun and safe space that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you, Lindsay Nightingale Subject: Expansion

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Please put a large bowl in the back, this park has always lacked an advanced skill area.