



PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

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From: [Bill Hough](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: public comment on items not on the 11/15/2022 agenda
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 9:58:53 AM
Attachments: [Anita Enander. Code of Fair Campaign Practices 2022 Redacted.pdf](#)
[Neysa Fligor Code of Fair Campaign Practices 2022 Redacted.pdf](#)
[Pete Dailey. Code of Fair Campaign Practices 2022 Redacted \(1\).pdf](#)
[Roger Heyder Code of Fair Campaign Practices 2022 Redacted.pdf](#)

I am writing to support Roger Heyder's public comment of October 28, 2022. Please immediately forward this complaint to the appropriate County fair election officials, since it involves multiple council members and a city official. I am sending this on November 1, 2022, and Roger's complaints need to be addressed prior to the election. I also demand this comment be entered in the public record.

Roger wrote the following which I am printing in italics:

I was required to sign a form 'Code of Fair Campaign Practices' to qualify as a candidate, as did all of the other candidates. The agreement, and conformance, to this code is a requirement for being a candidate, and a pledge to conform to the rules. As demonstrated below, Fligor and Dailey have violated this pledge, thus invalidating the document they signed. As such, they have an incomplete candidate package, and should be immediately removed as candidates.

The key, relevant lines of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices -

Item 2 - 'I shall not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal life or campaign.'

Item 6 - 'I shall immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.'

I put up a post on NextDoor 7 days ago announcing that I am running as a write in candidate. During that time, I have received 33 resident comments. 22 of these comments, or about 3 per day, have been harassing comments from the same 3 people. As they 'liked' each other's posts 11 times during that period, it is quite clear they are working together. Bill Sheppard, one of the 3, is on the steering committee of Los Altos Community Voices. They created the candidate matrix that heavily touted Fligor and Dailey, and derided Enander. This was endorsed by the group of former mayors. Joe Beninato, another of the players, is mentioned below.

This is minor compared to what they are doing to the other candidate, Enander. They are also disenfranchising residents with regards to feeling safe in participating in a public forum. People making comments are being bullied and harassed, such that they are reluctant to participate in any community forums and express their opinion.

Here are a couple of comments from residents on ND about this problem (poster names deleted to minimize collateral damage). It is common for people to get kicked off ND for making such comments about the negative behavior of other 'residents', so these people are sufficiently annoyed to step up and risk getting kicked off the only local public forum -

“It seems like Joe Beninato is the hit man for Pete. I do not understand why Joe does not post positive comments about Pete - unless there are none!!! Joe only knows how to post negative comments, which is off-putting for most people that I know. The best method for deciding on who to vote for, is to vote for whoever Joe posts his myriad of negative comments on.”

“JoeHere is YOU, telling someone else they can't repeatedly post stuff, so why the heck do you do it?”

“You will notice Pete's team is doing negative campaigning, but Anita is not!”

In getting my candidate signatures, several of the signators expressed concern that signing may cause them and/or their children to get harassed and abused. That is a completely unacceptable situation, and a clear indicator of how bad things have become.

I have not seen a single post or statement highlighting the positive aspects, achievements, or qualifications of Fligor or Dailey. Their campaign in ND is entirely negative, in violation of their pledge. I raised the issue of violating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices on my post and was completely ignored.

Here are a couple of ND posts on candidate Enander by Joe Beninato -

“.interesting that xxx calls listing out Anita's voting record and lies as 'attacks'. I prefer to call them facts.” Ref 1 ~ 10/16

“Highlighting Anita's track record is not negative campaigning. Her lies and questionable votes are what is on the ballot” Ref 1 - 10/16

“Which part of of stating her voting record and her lies is 'viciously and repeatedly attacking' Anita?” Ref 1 - 10/16

“The facts are also clear when she lies and says she voted for or against something and the opposite is what really happened They are lies” Ref 2 - 10/17

“I posted a link to the candidate's forum from a few weeks back. And I think 2 or 3 are my concerns about Anita's lies and voting record” Ref 3 - 10-17

“This is in stark contrast to Anita Enander, whose alleged harassment of staff...” Ref 4 - 10/19

“Anita allegedly harassed former Los Altos City Manager Chris Jordan's wife” Ref 5 - 10/16

“Anita recently coerced the owner of XXX El Camino Real” Ref 5 - 10/16

It is impossible to characterize this as anything other than negative campaigning, and in clear violation of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. I have no intention of investing more time combing through ND for additional examples, but there are plenty. It took less than a half hour searching on ND to find these examples. These comments are available in the public domain for validation, unless they have been removed by the posters. I have screen shots of all of my references above.

Who is doing this, and how are they affiliated with Fligor and Dailey? The broadest poster is

Joe Beninato. He is a recent appointee to the Planning Commission, an official city role, approved by the current majority on Council (including Fligor). Dailey is completely aligned, by his own statement, with the current majority on council, and supported by all of the same people as Fligor (including Los Altos Community Voices and the large number of prior mayors). Beninato's people skills, and interest in what the residents think, are evident from the posts cited. That certainly raises questions as to why he was appointed to this position. In any case, he is aggressively supporting Fligor and Dailey, or rather aggressively attacking Enander.

It is difficult to make a case that Fligor and Dailey did not know what is going on with Beninato in support of their campaigns. The negative campaigning and bullying are going on with no intervention or repudiation by either Fligor or Dailey. This is evidently approval and agreement in their actions, and in clear violation of the pledge in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Broad negative campaigning has no doubt caused extensive damage to the other candidate in this council race, Enander, which cannot be reversed.

It is also difficult to imagine that residents have not already complained to the city about negative campaign activities. Perhaps the city can come forward with that information.

Los Altos has specified and required the Code of Fair Campaign Practices to qualify as a candidate. Given the above specific issues, the city needs to step up and enforce these rules that they made. There is only one remedy for this situation, which is removal of Fligor and Dailey as qualified candidates.

I am sick and tired of the negative campaigning and bullying in Los Altos, and I think most residents are as well. It simply needs to stop immediately, and the city needs to clearly demonstrate that it will NOT BE TOLERATED. The lack of immediate action by the city on this issue will indicate that they support, and endorse, abusive negative campaigning. The election is only 1.5 weeks away, so dithering is NOT acceptable.

I second Roger's comments and urge the Council to investigate this complaint immediately. Any statement implying that the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary does not address this issue. Roger has provided the city PDFs of the signed documents, the originals of which the city has in their possession. The city council must take action on Roger's complaint as soon as possible.

In case you accidentally misplaced each candidate's Code of Fair Campaign Practices submissions, I have attached them for your convenience.

Bill Hough.

AUG 12 2022 @ 4:45 pm

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Elections Code § 20440)

CITY OF LOS ALTOS

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I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Anita Enander

 Print Name

8/12/22

 Date



 Signature

City of Los Altos Council member

 Office

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AUG 10 2022 @ 9:45 am

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Neyssa Fligor
Print Name

8/8/22
Date



Signature

Los Altos City Council
Office

AUG 11 2022 @ 4:45

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PETE DAILEY
 Print Name
8/11/22
 Date

[Redacted Signature]
 Signature
CITY COUNCIL
 Office

OCT 24 2022

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Roger Heyder
Print Name

[Redacted Signature]

Oct 23, 2022
Date

Los Altos City Council
Office

From: [Otto sbc](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Resolution Against Prop 1
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 1:58:47 PM

I urge the City Council to vote against the radical Proposition 1.

There seems to exist nowadays more sympathy for a life of an animal than for a human being, (- see Nextdoor Neighbor's accounts)

Can we ask for human beings getting the same kind of consideration?

A human life should not be brutally and barbarically extinguished without the affected life having a chance to express his/her wish.

Here are some reasons:

- there are simple and natural ways to not becoming pregnant.
- the baby in the womb is not part of the body of the pregnant woman, as often falsely proclaimed, the mother is only a host, since the baby has its own DNA and blood which does not mingle with the mother's DNA and blood.
- the baby from a certain stage of development can experience cruel pain.
- the aborted baby's body parts are often sold to an industry for experiments.
- SCIENCE is often mentioned by activists but apparently never followed.
- Common societal ethics and morals speak for preservation of human life, not killing it for convenience.

O.S.

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