

From: [Andy Wellspring](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#); [Peters, Lindy](#); [Morsell-Haye, Jessica](#); [Albin-Smith, Tess](#); [Norvell, Bernie](#); [Miller, Tabatha](#)
Subject: Please hold an election for the open city council seat
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:02:34 PM

Hello Fort Bragg City Council and staff,

Please hold an election for the open seat on the Fort Bragg City Council. I recognize that the current process of selection made sense when there were no applicants, but then there were 9. Elections are expensive, yes, but they are what the United States is founded upon. It is quite difficult to discern how you will be using public comments to make your decision, they are not votes, in the end you get to decide this fate of the town. That is not the separation of powers that is intended by our system of voting.

If you are not willing to stop this process please make things clearer to the public, when do they need to submit comments? When are you going to decide? Right after the Feb. 16 interviews or will you wait until closer to the March 31st deadline? Please announce a process and a timeline of what happens between Feb. 16th and March 31st. Please schedule public hearings where people can share their feelings, after the Feb. 16th meeting, as a good faith effort to make this a more democratic process, if you refuse to hold an actual election.

Thank you,
Andy Wellspring

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: New eComment for Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:30:40 PM

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New eComment for Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference

Rick Riley submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference

Item: 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

eComment: As an independent observer of your process, South Cleone resident outside city limits, I commend your adaptations in challenging times to keep accessible and transparent good governance. Of the nine applicants, one clearly demonstrates more game-readiness in preparations for this appointment on measures of reading, writing, and participation in current and pertinent matters local. The others appear to have merit and potential and should try to get closer to matters at hand for a 2022 candidacy.

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From: sherri@mcn.org
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Scott Menzies - DO NOT appoint to City Council
Date: Saturday, February 13, 2021 2:22:41 PM

Dear Fort Bragg City Council,

I am writing to ask you not to appoint Scott Menzies for the vacant Fort Bragg City Council position.

He will be a negative and divisive voice that will harm our city and its citizens should he come to power.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Grace and peace,

Sherri Cox

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me." David - Psalms 28:7

Dear Will Lee and the City Council

I would like to address former Mayor Will Lee's comments regarding the field of candidates. I do not know much about the 9 people NOW running for this seat at all. I do however know a great deal about Marcia Rafanin. Positives are that she was born and raised here, and she would add much needed diversity to the council. She is a hard-working mother and active in this community, though looks can be deceiving.

Not that these are qualifications directly for City Council, but they should be asked.

Have you ever sat down and had a conversation with her? What is her educational background? Is she an alcoholic? Have you ever worked side by side with her, or spoken to anyone who has? Have you ever been cussed out by her because of her frustration of not being right? Has anyone mentioned the racist things come out of her mouth? Have you been heard about the minor who worked for her and was grabbed so hard it left red marks hours later you showed your parents? Has she ever been convicted of a crime? Has she ever lied? Has she ever started a physical altercation/fight? Has she ever given something to you for free that was on another person's dime? Does she only hire younger kids to micromanage and bully around? Did she transfer the recipes from her old job to her current, calling them their own? Has she ever done any volunteer work here locally? I will not bore you with more, but the list can go on, as it probably could for many of the other candidates.

Let us also look at the comments about her being a great mom. She is very involved in her children lives. Has she ever raised a hand at them? Who watches her 2 kids 13 and under while she is at work? Does she leave them home alone? Does she frequently verbally abuse them? Does her oldest suffer from physical internal problems? Has her daughter been checked out again since the first visit? How does she get along with the rest of her aboriginal family? Is she allowed on the reservation to drop off or pick up her kids? Has she lied about her daughters age to give her a job? Would that daughter JUMP at the change for a new living situation?

Now to recap, Mr. Lee challenge you to delve a little deeper into your candidate of choice. Mr. Lee, you have been a great benefit to our town, your leadership has helped Fort Bragg immensely. Please investigate her as you would want any potential employee screened. Forget the fact you used to work with Marcia and be objective. Make your legacy here a positive one and do not saddle us with a problem we will have trouble eradicating. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

A Concerned Citizen

From: [Judith Valadao](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: opposition to appointment
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:37:11 PM

I am writing to ask you not to appoint Scott Menzies to City Council. His divisiveness has been illustrated through his “demands” he has placed even on this very Council. Politics has no place in a City Government that is intended to be the caretakers of the health and welfare of all the community, not just the ones Mr. Menzies chooses.

Judy Valadao

Lemos, June

From: Norvell, Bernie
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Fwd: unsigned accusations

Bernie Norvell Mayor City of Fort Bragg

Begin forwarded message:

From: Judith Valadao <j.valadao@sbcglobal.net>
Date: February 16, 2021 at 3:43:15 PM PST
To: "Norvell, Bernie" <Bnorvell2@fortbragg.com>
Subject: unsigned accusations
Reply-To: Judith Valadao <j.valadao@sbcglobal.net>

City of Fort Bragg Mayor Norvell,

I find it very hard to take seriously a letter full of accusations, whining and snibbling and signed with no name and no way to confirm who this obviously unhappy person is. What I see in the letter is, someone who is obviously ballsy enough to write but not ballsy enough sign her/his name. No credibility in that. Someone who writes in hopes of destroying another but hides from the community by not signing a name to those accusations in my opinion shouldn't be given the time of day.

Judy Valadao

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To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: New eComment for Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:13:50 PM

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Jacob Patterson submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference

Item: 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

eComment: After reviewing the applications and public comments, I think the City Council should evaluate the applicants and choose the most qualified candidate. What qualified means is probably different for each of us. For example, of the 3 candidates that appear to be the most qualified to me, Scott Menzies is the candidate that would seriously consider changing the City's election system, Mary Rose has the most planning and land use experience, and Marcia has the most broad community support. Good luck

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