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4320 Bassett Street
Santa Clara, CA. 95054
April 19, 2021

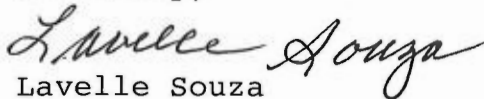
Mayor Lisa Gillmor
and Santa Clara City Councilmembers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA. 95050

Dear Mayor Lisa Gillmor
and Santa Clara City Councilmembers:

I am writing this letter to you in support of Councilmember Kathy Watanabe. I have known her for the last three years, and I have been impressed by how hard she works for the City of Santa Clara and by how much she cares for the residents of the city and responds to their needs. I have never heard her say a racist or a derogatory word to anyone or about anyone.

I want you to know that I do not support the Council's action of censuring Councilmember Kathy Watanabe.

Sincerely,


Lavelle Souza



**City of
Santa Clara**
The Center of What's Possible

Date: May 4, 2021

To: City Manager

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Subject: Correspondence received regarding item 9 on the May 4, 2021 Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting Agenda

As of May 4, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. the Mayor and City Council Offices received the attached communications regarding item 9: Action on Two (2) Written Petitions regarding Council Policy #47 (Censure and Admonition).



Julie Minot
Executive Assistant to the
Mayor & City Council

Documents Related to this Report:

- 1) *Communications received*

POST MEETING MATERIAL

From: [Robin Burdick](#)
To: [Mayor and Council; Clerk](#)
Subject: For Today's Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:19:58 PM

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Subject: FW: Letter to be read at 05/04 City Council meeting

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Julie Minot

From: Akemi Flynn <akemi@alfsv.org>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Mayor and Council; Lisa Gillmor; Kathy Watanabe; Karen Hardy; Sudhanshu Jain; Raj Chahal; Kevin Park; Anthony Becker
Subject: Systemic Accountability for Inclusion & Racial Equity
Attachments: ALF AAPI Caucus Letter to Santa Clara City Council Letter.pdf

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AAPI Caucus of ALF Silicon Valley

April 29, 2021

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From: Richard Konda <rkonda@asianlawalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Lisa Gillmor; Kathy Watanabe; Raj Chahal; Karen Hardy; Kevin Park; Sudhanshu Jain; Anthony Becker
Subject: see attached
Attachments: April 30 ltr.pdf

Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Gillmor and members of the City Council:

Please see attached letter regarding urging the City Council to censure Councilmember Kathy Watanabe and to admonish the Mayor Gillmor.

Sincerely,

Richard Konda
Executive Director
Asian Law Alliance
991 West Hedding St., Suite 202
San Jose, CA 95126
(408)-287-9710

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April 30, 2021

Mayor Gillmor and Santa Clara City Councilmembers
Santa Clara City Hall
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Re: Stop AAPI Hate Rally Incident

Dear Mayor Gillmor and members of Santa Clara City Council,

Thank you for considering the letter that was sent earlier. As community members, we would like to again express our deep concern over the incident that happened at the Stop AAPI Hate Rally on Wednesday, March 31. The denial of Kevin Park to speak at the rally was troubling to watch. As a public facing council, the residents look to City leadership to set a tone- and the tone that was set was one that is not inclusive or collaborative. Santa Clara is a majority-minority city, and when an Asian American is denied the opportunity to speak at a rally that is advocating for Asian Americans, we must speak up and ensure that this type of behavior is not repeated.

As community members, we demand that true accountability takes place. The apologies issued by Councilmember Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor indicate a shallow understanding of what the incident means for our community. Mayor Gillmor has defended the behavior and stated that there “were faults on both sides.” She attempted to turn the tables by asking Councilmember Park if he “would have done anything differently.” Councilmember Watanabe issued an apology at the Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting on April 6 that implies that we are hyper focusing on the “controversy about Councilmember Park not speaking”, instead of focusing on how “our community came together to support AAPI residents.”

The type of dynamics that are on display with these types of words signal to us that some of our City leaders do not understand the true harm they cause when they interact and treat their colleagues in this manner. To imply that we are “dividing” ourselves, as Mayor Gillmor has stated in the April 6 meeting, by calling attention to the incident is insulting. We are not taking away from the original mission to support the AAPI community. Rather, we are only furthering the original mission. Supporting AAPI residents means calling out hate crimes, but also examining how interactions can either create a sense of inclusion or a sense of alienation.

For us, this incident is personal. Too many times we have been subject to the same type of interaction where we are dismissed or told we are taking away focus from the real issue. **We would like to demand a formal censure that denounces Councilmember Watanabe’s actions, as well as an admonishment of how Mayor Gillmor handled the incident.** It would have been a sign of true understanding for our leaders to truly apologize and make amends by committing to collaborate with AAPI leaders on future events and motions pertaining to events

aimed at “supporting the AAPI community.” We look forward to seeing this item on the May 4 Council and Authorities Concurrent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

1. Victoria Q. Smith, Santa Clara resident
2. Herminio Hernando, Santa Clara resident
3. Minh Steven Dovan, Santa Clara Resident, Legal Counsel for Viet-American Community of N. California
4. Wesley K. Mukoyama, Santa Clara Resident
5. Jeannie Mahan, Santa Clara Resident
6. Patricia Mahan, Santa Clara Resident, former Santa Clara Mayor
7. Mike Kaku, Santa Clara Resident
8. La Donna Yumori-Kaku, Santa Clara Resident
9. Shirley Odou, Santa Clara Resident
10. Richard Konda, Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance
11. Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President, SJ/Silicon Valley NAACP
12. Victor Garza, Chairperson, La Raza Roundtable
13. Michael Chang, Ph. D., Founder Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute
14. Raj Jayadev, Director, Silicon Valley De-Bug
15. Aram James, Advocacy Chair, Coalition for Justice and Accountability
16. Susan Hayase, San Jose Nikkei Resisters
17. Heather Cleary, CEO, Peninsula Family Service
18. Bela Ferreira, Executive Director, Portuguese Organization for Social Services & Opportunities (POSSO)
19. Poncho Guevara, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Community Service
20. Ann Marquart, Executive Director, Project Sentinel
21. MyLinh Pham, CEO, Asian American Center of Santa Clara County
22. Pete Settlemayer, Executive Director, City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley
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To: Melissa Meslo
Subject: FW: Letter to be read at 05/04 City Council meeting

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From: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>
Cc: Simrat Dhadli <SDhadli@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Nora Pimentel <NPimentel@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Deanna Santana <DSantana@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Genevieve Yip <GYip@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Kathleen McGraw <KMcGraw@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Nadine Nader <nnader@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Robyn Sahid <RSahid@SantaClaraCA.gov>
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Dear Mayor and Council,

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Best regards,

Julie Minot, SPHR | Executive Assistant, Mayor and City Council
Mayor & Council Offices | City of Santa Clara
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Tel: 408-615-2252 | www.santaclaraca.gov



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From: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: FW: For Today's Council Meeting

From: Robin Burdick <robburdick28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>
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Subject: FW: censure and admonishing

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Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:10 PM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: censure and admonishing

What an insult to Kathy and our mayor. You think everything that you people are doing or have done is o.k. I got new for you, the dirt is coming out on you. So far Keven and Sudds have done some pretty bad things. Why don't you let the people of Santa Clara know about them ? Kathy was monitoring her meeting. That's right, it was her meeting ! But the little boy had to get angry and cry because the time ran out.

People, how does it fell to have Jed York running our city ? Jed, you must be so proud of your employee's Dorothy

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To: Public Comment <PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Censure & Admonishing petition

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From: CAROL <carollwada@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 4, 2021, 5:33 PM
Subject: Censure & Admonishing petition
To: <publiccomments@santaclaraca.gov>

This petition is a joke. .

Kathy Watanabe is married to an Asian, her daughter is half And her relatives are Asians. Kevin Park had plenty of time to RSVP and speak at the rally but chose to ask at the last minute and cause a bunch of drama. Admonishing Mayor Gillmor for her asking Parks opinion on this is crazy. Mayor Gillmor and Kathy Watanabe are the only two on the dais that work hard for the people of Santa Clara. Haven't we wasted enough time on this Kevin Park drama.

Carol

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To: Melissa Meslo
Subject: FW: Disheartened Santa Clara Resident

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To: Public Comment <PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Disheartened Santa Clara Resident

My name is Debbie Tryforos. I am a lifelong resident of Santa Clara. In full disclosure I am also a Library Board Trustee. My comments are my personal feelings and in no way reflect on the Library Board.

What has happened to our city? What has happened to the people that in December 2020 said they were going to work together to make our City Council work for the citizens of Santa Clara. Was that a lie? Because as of today, that has not happened.

It is clear the new members have a charter to get rid of Lisa Gillmor and by collateral damage, Kathy Watanabe. Could it be this is a charge from the 49ers? Sure seems like it. One of the council members admitted that they wanted to get rid of the City Attorney. Some of the council members won't tell other members what they discuss with the team. Lisa stood up to the team when they were breaking laws and not meeting commitments, they can't forgive her for doing her job.

This has got to stop. You new members should listen to those with experience before making decisions and suggestions. Last minute Special Meetings, meetings lasting until the next day, the same topic discussed ad nauseum to make your point.

It feels like we are in Washington DC with the Democrats vs Republicans. The Republicans know no matter what is suggested they will vote no. Count the number of 5 to 2 votes at the council meetings...how can we get anything done.

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