

Julie Minot

From: frances cabral <FJCABRAL@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Brian Doyle

I fully support Brian Doyle as our City Attorney. Please do not let a sports franchise dictate who should be employed by the City of Santa Clara. It is regrettable that money will influence the decision to fire someone for doing the job he was hired to do, which is to protect the interests of the citizens of Santa Clara

Frances Cabral

09-01-21

RTC# 21-1209

Julie Minot

From: Debbie Tryforos <debbiesn1121@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Input for September 1st Closed Session Meeting

I request this be read during this meeting. Thank you.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members –

My name is Debbie Tryforos and I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 65 years. Never in that time have I been embarrassed to be a resident until now.

This City Council has turned our town into a laughing stock. The constant bickering, name calling, long winded speeches to get points across has got to stop. Our three newest members are mainly to blame. None of them had experience in what it takes to be on the Council. They say the Planning Commission is that experience, but you can tell by the questions and suggestions they make they have no idea what it takes to be a council member.

So to take away from that they continue to bring up old business that they feel the city needs to take responsibility for. Who are you punishing by firing the City Attorney. Is this a point to satisfy the 49ers because he calls them out on their illegal stunts. This won't hurt any of you but it will hurt the city. Chances are he will sue us for wrongful termination. It is the future – time to move on and take care of the needs of this city now. People learn from their mistakes and throwing it in their face consistently is not only judgmental but not helpful.

I spent the time going over the campaign promises (areas they were going to work on) for Jain, Park and Becker. It was a fascinating read. The new council members all stressed getting along with other council members, they mentioned the stress and strife that has been happening on our council.

As one new member stated "I would be one vote out of seven and I think that's a key, which is you need to have a City Council that's willing to work together to come to a consensus, a good consensus, not just arguing all the time. Really?

So I deplore you to focus on the present and the future and move on!!
The citizens of Santa Clara can't take much more. We are close to recall petitions.....

Sincerely,
Debbie Tryforos
1735 Long Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

POST MEETING MATERIAL

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Julie Minot

From: Teresa O'Neill <teresa.oneillsc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 12:18 AM
To: Lee Broughman
Cc: Mayor and Council
Subject: Re: 49er puppets

Yes, we live in crazy times! I am going to send out an email Sunday to a lot of SC residents with a link to the SF Chronicle story and ask if people are concerned, that they either send an email protesting the anticipated firing of Brian Doyle and ask that it be read under public comment BEFORE Closed Session or join the meeting via Zoom to protest the action live.

If these guys do what it looks like they are going to do, they will get their attaboys from Miles Barber, who has been encouraging them to fire Brian since they were elected.

Teresa

On Sat, Aug 28, 2021 at 2:07 PM Lee Broughman <leonne3@gmail.com> wrote:
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Lee Broughman
Resident of Santa Clara

'You are free to choose but you are not free from the consequences of your choice'.

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August 31, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a lifelong citizen of Santa Clara, I was dismayed to read that there will be an upcoming closed meeting regarding "public employee discipline/dismissal/release." It appears to be about our City Attorney, Brian Doyle. I hope that I am wrong.

It will be a serious miscarriage of justice.

Mr. Doyle has done quite a good job representing our City - along with outside counsel - against the 49ers Management in numerous lawsuits. Those lawsuits were filed by the 49ers against the city. Santa Clara prevailed in those lawsuits. I cannot see a reason, therefore, to discipline, terminate, or release him - ESPECIALLY, but not solely, for "no cause."

It seems there are some that do not care for Mr. Doyle's personality. That happens in life, but it is no reason to terminate. It certainly isn't the case here. Doyle has NOT operated with malfeasance.

I certainly hope that any differences in personalities can be worked out and this constant bickering stops. Please.

It is OK to agree to disagree, but it is not OK to continue all this infighting. Work out your differences. Mistakes have been made on every side. Apologies work better than censures, and faith and respect in each other's motives are the best place to start.

Please do not allow a serious miscarriage of justice to happen in Santa Clara by disciplining Brian Doyle.

Sincerely,
Nancy Biagini

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Julie Minot

From: Ana Segovia <ana.segovia@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: A Very Forceful NO!

To Council members Becker, Jain, Park, and Vice Mayor Chahal,

My husband and I are long-time (over 40 years!) residents of this beautiful city of Santa Clara. We were disturbed with the news that the 4 of you are trying to fire our City Attorney, Brian Doyle. On what basis is this for? Do you have any proven and documented corruption during the course of his work? We don't know Mr. Doyle personally. But what we know about him is that he represented Santa Clara's best interests against the 49'ers. Is Brian Doyle being accused of dissent because he is looking after our city's best interest and not just for the 49'ers?

Why are the 4 of you against someone who is looking after our City's interest? Be reminded that you were voted and elected to look after the interest of the people of Santa Clara and not the 49'ers. You do NOT represent us at all if you are protecting Jed York's organization.

Why is this meeting a closed session? Don't we have a right to hear what the City Attorney is being accused of? He is a public employee and the public needs to hear what the 4 of you have against him. We are quite alarmed at your blatant support of the 49'ers organization to the point of trying to get rid of all who will not "tow the line."

I am requesting that this letter be read during at Wednesday's meeting during Public Presentation.

Toma and Ana Segovia

POST MEETING MATERIAL

09-01-21

RTC #21-1209

Julie Minot

From: Lia Theologides Mukhar <liatheologides@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Special Meeting on September 1, 2021 - Please read during Public Presentations.
Thanks!

Categories: Blue Category, Birthday

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER DURING THE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PORTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING. THANK YOU!

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers - **particularly those who called for and supported this meeting,**

There were so many moments early in the pandemic when I was extremely proud to be a Santa Claran - seeing how Mayor Gillmor and the city staff quickly developed programs to feed children and seniors, to help individuals and small businesses, etc. It was truly impressive and heartwarming, and reflects what I have always thought Santa Clara was about.

On the other hand, today is a very sad day for Santa Clara. Actually, the past 11 months have been very worrisome as a citizen and taxpayer.

I am wondering....What are you trying to accomplish today and why? I think those who called for and supported this meeting should really look in the mirror and ask yourselves....WHO are you serving? Are you serving the people of Santa Clara, or a gazillionaire who puts his own personal financial interests first? Someone who during a global pandemic threw in \$3 million to buy his interest in our city, when he could have spent that money feeding the homeless or helping small businesses and other people in need? Someone who tried to steal our Youth Soccer Park and renigs on his promises? Is that the type of person you want to associate with? Your oath of office was to serve the people of Santa Clara. Please think of that as you look in the mirror.

I am especially disappointed in Vice Mayor Chahal. I so fondly remember meeting him and his wife when he first stepped into leadership positions in Santa Clara. It was so refreshing to finally have a diverse voice in our leadership, representing such a large and important part of our community. I enthusiastically voted for him and looked forward to his service. It is personally disappointing to see how he has turned.

While I worry specifically about what those of you who called for and supported this meeting are trying to accomplish today, I also worry about what type of long-term impact your overall behavior will have on our city. We have so many talented people in this city who could potentially serve on the city staff or City Council, but who in their right mind would want to work in this environment you have created? How is the city going to be able to attract and hire the best and the brightest when they see what is happening here? Who would want to run for office and join a Council that you have made so dysfunctional and contentious? Even the most community-minded individual wanting to serve Santa Clara will probably hesitate. To me, that is potentially the worst damage all of you will do. It will, tragically, last well into the future.

There are so many more important issues you should be spending your time on - hunger, homelessness, affordable housing, traffic, development, the environment, just to name a few. You continue to waste time in Council meetings and waste everyone's time and energy with infighting. Seriously, what have the three of you done since you were elected, to ostensibly work towards solving the real issues of Santa Clara? How much time have you spent on hunger, homelessness, affordable housing, traffic, development, the environment?

We as a city are lucky to have people like Attorney Doyle and others who work tirelessly to defend our small city against a better funded organization. It sure would be nice if all Councilmembers had the ethical standards and moral convictions to stand up for what is right and properly follow the oath of office they took.

Again, as a resident of Santa Clara, I implore you to look in the mirror and ask yourselves....who are you serving, what are you spending your time on, and how will your behavior affect the future of our city?

Thank you,

Lia Theologides Mukhar
4447 Billings Circle
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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Julie Minot

From: Linda Zazzara <lindazhome@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Mayor and Council; Clerk
Subject: Closed Session meeting to discuss firing a city Employee

Please read my letter out loud before the meeting.

To City Council,

My Representative, Sud's Jain, once said in a meeting that the 49ers would like to see Brian Doyle gone. Why? Because we have a city attorney that will stand up to the shenanigans put on by the 49ers and the 49ers want an attorney that will let them slide. If the "unidentifiable city employee" is Brian Doyle I think firing him would be unconscionable. Some of you will list the reason you want him out is because of the CVRA lawsuit, but you will be hiding behind that and that is exactly what the 49ers want you to do. What a tangled web you are weaving. Just make sure you can identify the threads in that web.

I am really concerned about the recent over-friendliness toward the 49ers, that is putting our city at risk. To me it is more than just getting along with a supposed business partner, it is letting them take over our city. For years we asked the 49ers to provide information so we could be business partners and they did not. The last meeting was the first time in eons that the 49ers showed up at a meeting. Being a good business partner is a two way street and the 49ers have been that roadblock to a partnership for so long, it makes it difficult for me to trust them. Now we have city council members rooting more for the 49ers rather than rooting for the citizens of Santa Clara. I am now ashamed to call many of you a real representative of my city, and that is very sad.

Linda Zazzara

Citizen of Santa Clara

Sent from my iPad

09-01-21

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Julie Minot

From: Yao and Eric <yao.and.eric@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Clerk; Public Comment; Yao and Eric
Subject: Santa Clara City Attorney Brian Doyle

Hello Santa Clara City Council,

I would like to make a public comment in regards to the possible firing of city attorney Brian Doyle. Please read this message at the meeting. I believe that Mr. Doyle is doing a great job protecting the interests of Santa Clara residents like myself and do not wish special interests to interfere with our city. Please do not fire our Brian Doyle!

Best,
Eric Chu
Santa Clara District 5 Resident

09-01-21

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Julie Minot

From: Romeo Jr. Narciso <narciso1976@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:02 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: City Lawyer Disciplinary Action and/or termination

We learned from various articles that four city council members initiated the action to terminate and/or discipline our City Lawyer Brian Doyle from his public position. We are unaware of what Atty. Brian Doyle violated. We are requesting any allegations against him, be made public since this is a public position.

Our family have been residents in the northside district of Santa Clara since 1978. We know first hand what the stadium brought us particularly post games and events such as loitering, nuisance, and other suspicious activities that we never had prior to the existence of the stadium.

The city lawyer is an advocate in preventing further issues in our area by ensuring that the 49er management are adhering to the contract with the City of Santa Clara. We are grateful of the City Lawyer's efforts and we do NOT support any types of disciplinary actions against him.

Please feel free to read and share the contents of our email to the public.

Respectfully,
Romeo Jr. and Helen Narciso

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Julie Minot

From: 1hmyers1@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Closed session to discharge our city atty w/o cause

Categories: Blue Category

Please read my letter out loud before the meeting.

First, keep in mind, as Park said, 'The world is watching'. You don't like it but you know they are.

There may be no cause to fire Brian Doyle but there is a reason. The reason? The 49ers want him out of the way so they will have no resistance, having already bought the city council.

Our city should not be run by an NFL franchise for and NFL franchise, it should be run by our citizens for our citizens.

There is no way for you to hide behind closed doors and for us to not know what you are doing. While in there remember, we are still watching.

Doyle's expected lawsuit will also bring to light the rules and regulations you are breaking when colluding with this franchise against your own citizens. You will be held accountable.

I don't appeal to your sense of decency or public service, that would be a waste of time.

Just know you will be held accountable.

Howard Myers

Resident Santa Clara

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From: Ms. Carolyn McAllister <carol3dsc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Special Council Meeting

I have never been so ashamed of public leaders in Santa Clara as I am of this sad group that wants to fire Brian Doyle. Your secret meetings with the 49ers indicate to many of us that you dropped whatever integrity or conscience you may have had in the trash. The four of you (Becker, Park, Jain and Chantal say you represent your constituents, but your constituents seem to be the 49ers.

Your behavior does not reflect the honor and integrity that Santa Clara used to reflect. The City where Anything is Possible meant anything positive, apparently not any more.

I have not been happy with some of your budget decisions, but the four of you, Jain, Becker, Park and Chantal with your behavior in this matter, have reached a new low in Santa Clara. I have lived in this city for 45 years

I hope you reflect on your behavior because your reputations will be forever tarnished. You four will be forever own the 49er Representatives not the residents. For Shame!

CarolynMcAllister

Sent from my iPad

09-01-21

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Julie Minot

From: Lee Broughman <leonne3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Nora Pimentel; Mayor and Council
Cc: Lee Broughman
Subject: Please read before the Council special session 9/1/22

Last weeks city council meeting is one for the books.

1. First we had Councilperson Park's apology to Single family home owners, sort of since he followed with "any rational person would have know what he really meant". Then by the end of the evening he had called the Staff and 2 council member LIARS.

Defamation of Character?

2. The 49ers came with their 'begging bowl'. 1.3 million per year to add employees for jobs that where already being paid for per previous MANCO information. This after a very vigorous 2021-2023 Budget process with many cut to the City. The 49ers didn't even present the item but Council member Sud Jain appeared to do it for them by talking about the different aspects that the public hadn't been made aware of. Council member Chahal also seem to have previous information and listed them but didn't make a motion. Council member Becker appears to of drawn the short straw and got to make the motion as well as NOT add provision to safe guard the City, 3 TIMES. And Becker even flaunted the BROWN ACT by saying the equivalent when are the helicopter coming for me and where is the press coverage. I wonder if the Chronicle is good enough.

To say that some members of the City Council are in the 49ers pocket is too mild. Certain members of the Council wants to get rid of City Attorney Brian Doyle for pointing out their ethic violation and Brown Act conflicts. I have heard Council member Jain previously say that the 49ers want to get rid of City Attorney Brian Doyle. Jain has also bemoaned the Brown Act. This is not a City Act but a California State Act. Council member Becker doesn't seem to believe that the FPPC will do anything. Maybe they should look back at Council member Jim Arno or even the 2014 fines to City Council and candidates for an unintentional 460 filing.

I am a City Board Trustee and appear to be held to a higher standard than this City Council.

Let's keep the current City Attorney Brian Doyle and get rid of certain Council members.

Leonne (Lee) Broughman
46 year resident of Santa Clara

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Julie Minot

From: Frank Giacomelli <fgiacomelli@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: please read the article so that it is part of the record before the council goes into closed session

Categories: Blue Category

Hello,

My name is Frank Giacomelli and I live in district 6. I would like this article read by the assistant city clerk so it is on the record before the closed session begins. Please give the appropriate credit to the authors of this article as this is their work, not mine.

I will say I'm completely against firing the City Attorney. I believe this is being done for the benefit of the 49ers and that at least three of the council members are doing the 49ers bidding. I'm sickened that district 6 is represented by a person that would not take the advice of the City Manager when asked to add safeguards into his motion to protect the City of Santa Clara.

Regards,
Frank Giacomelli

49ers-backed City Council members request closed meeting; team critic to get fired?

Lance Williams, Ron Kroichick

POST MEETING MATERIAL

Aug. 27, 2021 Updated: Aug. 27, 2021 7:49 p.m.

Comments



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The empty stadium minutes before gametime as the San Francisco 49ers played the Arizona Cardinals at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., on Sunday, September 13, 2020.



Carlos Avila Gonzalez / The Chronicle



Three Santa Clara City Council members, who were elected last year after 49ers Chief Executive Officer Jed York spent \$2.9 million in that campaign, made a request Friday for a closed-door meeting to discuss firing an unidentified city employee.

Mayor Lisa Gillmor told The Chronicle she believes the targeted employee is City Attorney Brian Doyle, who is defending the city against eight legal actions brought by the NFL team. One councilman said at a public meeting in April that team executives told him they wanted Doyle dismissed.

Since he was hired in 2017, the blunt-spoken Doyle repeatedly has clashed with the 49ers, accusing the team of concealing financial information about Levi's Stadium and withholding millions in revenue that the city argues should have been shared with taxpayers. He also has complained that 49ers executives violated conflict-of-interest laws on stadium contracts. Doyle earns about \$390,000 per year.

A 49ers spokesman did not respond to requests for comment.

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BY ANN KILLION



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BY PHIL MATIER

Gillmor, a longtime 49ers critic, said she was distressed by Friday's move, calling Doyle the city's "No. 1 line of defense" in financial disputes with the team.

"The 49ers appear to believe that by removing the city attorney they can avoid oversight of the stadium, and avoid any court decisions that will not be in their favor," Gillmor said. "Consequences could be dire for them. They need to get out of court, and quickly."

The special closed council meeting is likely to be held Wednesday. City Council members Anthony Becker, Kevin Park and Sudhanshu "Suds" Jain filed Friday's request for the meeting, joined by vice mayor Raj Chahal to reach a majority.

The team manages the publicly owned stadium under contract with the city's Stadium Authority. The city has moved to terminate that management agreement, citing a long list of alleged financial irregularities and years of losses on concerts and college football games booked at the venue.

The 49ers have denied wrongdoing and have sued for the right to continue managing the stadium. They blamed revenue shortfalls at the stadium on the city's 10 p.m. weeknight curfew on events and on meddling by Gillmor and city staff.

A move to fire Doyle has been anticipated since April, when Jain, one of five members seen to favor the 49ers now on the council, disclosed he had privately discussed the city attorney with club executives and they "would like to see Brian Doyle gone."

The other council members who favor the 49ers also have met privately with club executives and discussed stadium issues, city records show.

Doyle was angered by Jain's disclosure. Two days later, Doyle confronted 49ers vice president Jim Mercurio and two other club executives during a Zoom meeting.

Reading from a written statement, Doyle accused the 49ers of plotting to replace him with a "marshmallow" city attorney "who will hand you a sweetheart settlement" of the lawsuits the team had filed.

"No doubt the voting public would find it odd that elected officials would consult with the people who are suing the city over millions of dollars about who the city attorney should be," he said.

Doyle asked whether the 49ers planned to "orchestrate a smear campaign" against him to give the more 49er-friendly council political cover for firing him, and referred to York as a "thug," records show.

The 49ers said they were outraged. Team attorney Hannah Gordon fired off an email to city manager Deanna Santana contending Doyle's "tirade" had been "wild, unstable and suggestive of violence." She said team officials would no longer meet with Doyle.

Councilwoman Kathy Watanabe, who often joins Gillmor in criticizing the 49ers, said firing Doyle would be a big mistake.

The 49ers don't like Doyle because "he stands up to them with all of their lawsuits," Watanabe said in a phone interview. "They are not happy because they are not getting their way."

Councilmen Becker and Park refused to comment Friday, and Chahal did not immediately respond to a voicemail. Jain also declined to comment, and he said his earlier remarks about the 49ers wanting to fire Doyle were "irrelevant."

Doyle said as city attorney he has been "faithful to the city and the city's interests."

Doyle's firing would have no immediate effect on the city's legal defense because a San Francisco law firm, Hanson Bridgett, is handling courtroom work in the lawsuits. But records show the 49ers recently moved to cut \$2 million from the Stadium Authority's litigation budget, which funds legal defense in the disputes with the team.

Santa Clara lobbied hard to lure the 49ers from San Francisco, and in 2010 voters overwhelmingly passed a measure to build a \$1.3 billion stadium for them near the Great America amusement park. The city contributed an estimated \$114 million in taxpayer funds to the project, and the stadium opened in 2014.

Since then, town-team relations have deteriorated, mostly because of disputes over stadium finances.

For a time, critics of the football team, led by Gillmor, dominated the seven-member council. Then York poured \$2.9 million into an independent expenditure campaign in the 2020 council election — a huge sum in a city where incumbents typically spend perhaps \$30,000 on a campaign.

By law, political donors can spend an unlimited amount on independent expenditure campaigns, provided they do not coordinate their spending with the candidates they support.

The money paid for a hard-edged television and web advertising barrage that portrayed Gillmor's council allies as inflexible and hostile to accommodating what should be a mutually profitable relationship with the NFL campaign. Gillmor herself wasn't on the ballot.

Three of the four candidates backed by the 49ers were elected, creating a team-friendly majority.

Ron Kroichick is a San Francisco Chronicle staff writer and Lance Williams is a freelance writer. Email: rkroichick@sfchronicle.com and lancewreporter@gmail.com Twitter: [@ronkroichick](https://twitter.com/ronkroichick) and [@LanceWCIR](https://twitter.com/LanceWCIR)

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Julie Minot

From: Kevin Krave <kevin.krave@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Santa Clara City Council Closed Meeting, Sep 1, 2021

Mayor and Council Members,

A closed meeting of the Santa Clara City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, Sep 1, 2021, to consider discipline or dismissal of a public employee, widely believed to be the City Attorney, Brian Doyle.

As a resident of Santa Clara, I ask that Council members remember their responsibilities to the City in addressing this subject. The City Attorney has filled a critical position representing the City in dealings with the San Francisco Forty Niners. These dealings reflect sharply divided opinions among residents of Santa Clara and may have wide ranging effects on Santa Clara residents and businesses. Considering the existing controversy over management of Levi's Stadium, actions by the Council must be made in as public a manner as laws allow and with full accountability to the residents of Santa Clara.

As a representative body, I believe you have failed in meeting the commitments you have made to act in the best interest of the residents of your respective districts, as well as the City of Santa Clara at large. I ask you to rise above individual differences to act in the best interests of the people of Santa Clara.

Please read this message at the Sep. 1 meeting during Public Presentation.

Thank you,
Kevin Krave
4365 Watson Circle,
Santa Clara

09-01-21

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Julie Minot

From: Kirk Vartan <kirk@asliceofny.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Mayor and Council; Clerk
Subject: Terminating Brian Doyle without cause is foolish - Don't do it.

Mayor and Council,

Why do you think the 49ers are meeting separately with the governing board when they are suing the city in multiple instances? They are successfully splitting the governing board from the knowledgeable staff resources doing the work.

The pettiness, ignorance, and lack of function of this council has been apparent for months. Endless meetings about trivial or non-priority items consumes the newly elected members of this council.. City Staff has already complained about the treatment of their coworkers by members of this council.

All that said, even with all this personality conflict, Doyle continues to put Santa Clara first..he holds them..accountable even though they are not cooperative. The 49ers have sued the City around ten times, have not honored commitments to the community, and continue to be silent/absent at council meetings....we'll, not totally silent since multiple city council members do their bidding and advocate for them.

Doyle is on the side of the City. If you can't see that or you have a personal grievance with him, get over it. He is well paid, and he is protecting a well funded city.

And the only other person you have authority over is the city manager, Deanna Santana. If you are looking to terminate her, thst is equally crazy. She is responsible for running the city. The city has multiples lawsuits, COVID-19 challenges, economic/budget challenges, and a very complex set of issues.

You have been in your role.for 9 months. Make it work. Stop trying to use your power in ways that are unbecoming of elected officials. Just because you have power, doesn't mean you use it.

You are in power to make policies that move the city forward. Don't think for a second that the 49ers are on your side. They used the city, the city council, and prior city manager. They are using you.

Don't be suckers. Don't be fooled. The 49ers are used to getting what they want. They have become one of the richest teams in the NFL. Why do you think that is? Why do you think they will be honest with you now, when they have proven over and over that they are not trustworthy?

Why would you take away your main armor and firepower in the middle of the fight?

Kirk Vartan
A Slice of New York
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Melissa Meslo

From: Clerk
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To: Melissa Meslo
Subject: FW: Santa Clara City Attorney Brian Doyle

From: Yao and Eric <yao.and.eric@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>
Cc: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>; Public Comment <PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov>; Yao and Eric <yaoanderic@gmail.com>
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Eric Chu
Santa Clara District 5 Resident

Melissa Meslo

From: Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Melissa Meslo
Subject: FW: City Clerk Department Page Comments

From: J. Byron Fleck <jbyronflecklaw@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Re: City Clerk Department Page Comments

Fixed link. Failure to communicate settlement offer.

<https://www.sdcba.org/?pg=FTR-Jan-2020-4>

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On Aug 31, 2021, at 4:11 PM, J. Byron Fleck <jbyronflecklaw@comcast.net> wrote:

Hello Hosam:

Please add to tomorrow 9/1 closed session.

" Please fire Doyle tomorrow! No if, ands or buts. Let him bring his wrongful discharge claim. The guy is a disaster to residents.

- Cost residents \$5MM+ in an ill considered defense of a well founded (as determined by two courts) CVRA case.

- Hung Santa Clara with the moniker of a racially discriminatory City as found by the courts above.

- failure to communicate settlement offer in CVRA matter which may have saved residents \$1MM, in apparent violation of California Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4.1.

See, <https://www.sdcba.org/?pg=FTR-Jan-2020->

- oh, the well worn axiom in common law dating to 13th century England. "You can be a witness or attorney advocate, but not both."

None of this "Now I'm going to put my resident hat on now." Disgusting.

- breaching his fiduciary duty to client (Council) by not informing Council that interest was accruing \$400k+ on attorneys fees award in CVRA suit.

- calling the 49ers "thugs" in written correspondence. How Santa Clara addresses local business?

<https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-francisco-49ers-wont-meet-with-city-official-after-tirade-and-threats/>

- look. No more cronies. Next time use a search firm or independent counsel to recommend a qualified attorney.

- finally, this "new" Council was sworn in December 8, 2020. To date, although having a 5-2 majority, you all appear incapable of accomplishing a bare minimum. Ie, getting rid of demonstrated incompetence. Takes soon 9 months to do the obvious?

- please identify any City or business anywhere who would not fire such an incompetent attorney? Hint: None. Anywhere. This is an easy one. More challenges ahead much more difficult.

But my god, if you can't do the easy stuff.....

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From: Nora Pimentel
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Nora Pimentel
Cc: Melissa Meslo
Subject: Post Meeting Material for Item #1 - September 1 Special Closed Session Agenda
Attachments: Special City Council Meeting Please read this email to council tonight; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Do Not Fire City Attorney; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Do Not Fire Brian Doyle; Don't fire Brian!; Don't fire Brian Doyle; Keep Doyle ; Don't fire Brian Doyle; Don't fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire our City Attorney; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Brian Doyle is good for SC; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle; Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City Clerks Our office has received the following correspondence regarding item 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code ? 54954, subd.(e)).

Please note this correspondence will form part of the public record for the September 1, 2021 Special Meeting.

Thank you

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Melissa Meslo

From: MIKE WALKE <mmwalke@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Special City Council Meeting Please read this email to council tonight

Good Evening Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

I wish to express deep concern with the action that the council is about to decide on. I would like the council to step back and take a deeper dive into the proposed actions they are about to vote on.

If the council votes to remove any city employee there must be a documented history of violations and a final written warning. It should be clearly stated in the written warning that termination will be the next step in the corrective action plan. The city council members have not provided any supporting data to the public regarding this proposed action.

If this action is approved, it will set a negative precedent for the city of Santa Clara. Santa Clara residents could see a possible wrongful termination suit filed against the city. Also; if this is approved, what other employees of the city would be targeted next?

This council is very dysfunctional now. You should look to each other to create an environment that works for the residents and for the good of Santa Clara; the center of what's possible!

Thank You

Mike Walke

Melissa Meslo

From: Maureen Barney <maureenbarney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Dear Santa Clara City Council,

I have read the article published by the San Francisco Chronicle, detailing the events surrounding the request for a closed-door meeting to discuss firing an unidentified employee, believed to be City Attorney Brian Doyle. The article included a timeline leading up to the passage of the 49er Stadium deal, as well as the election of the three Council members that were backed by 49er CEO Jed York. We should all be concerned that Mr. York has so much influence over the City Council's actions, particularly since he was NOT elected by the voters in Santa Clara. His influence was solidified by his contributions of \$2.9 million into the campaign last year, resulting in the election of Anthony Becker, Kevin Park, and Suds Jain. Mr. Doyle has pushed back against unethical and possibly illegal actions by the 49ers in order to put their interests ahead of those of the City of Santa Clara. Agreements that were hammered out when the stadium proposal was being drawn up and scrutinized have been tossed aside or ignored. Relations between the city and the team have deteriorated, though the majority of the City Council appears to be on the "side" of the team, as opposed to representing the citizens of the city they were elected to represent. We need Brian Doyle's continued commitment to standing up to any group, even a powerful NFL franchise, because he has the best interests of our city and following the law at heart.

I ask that the five City Council members join Mayor Lisa Gilmore and Kathy Watanabe in carefully considering the danger in having the CEO of the 49ers, a man that represents an entity that is not more important than our city, overrun the decision-making process within our city. You all were elected to look out for the interests of ALL of the citizens of Santa Clara. You were elected to use your judgement and wisdom to evaluate the facts and determine what is BEST for Santa Clara. The influence of a rich and powerful CEO comes at a price. Whether or not members of the City Council have future aspirations within our city, county or beyond, please consider that your actions today will have a bearing on your future - on ALL of our futures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Barney

Melissa Meslo

From: Jim Narveson <jimnarveson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

He is doing his job! Unlike those 49er Counselmen.

Melissa Meslo

From: Gary Meegan <garymeegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Do Not Fire City Attorney

Dear Council Members,

My name is Dr. Gary Meegan and I live at 2982 Howell Avenue. I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 17 years and I am appalled at the action that Mr. Becker, Mr. Chahal, Mr. Jain, and Mr. Park are taking in regard to our city attorney.

Last night I received a disturbing call that purported to be a survey of Santa Clara residents. It was, in a nutshell, a hit-piece on our mayor, city attorney, and city manager. It contained outright lies disguised as background data for responses. The evidence is clear that the 49ers management is behind this along with the four members mentioned above.

I am not pleased at the actions of the four men mentioned above. They are shills for the 49ers and bent on giving money that should go to our own citizens over to the pockets of millionaires. I will do everything in my power to convince my neighbors (I am reside in District 4, Mr. Park) that these people should be not only voted out of office but investigated for selling out the good citizens of Santa Clara.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Meegan
2982 Howell Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Melissa Meslo

From: Nancy stemmle <nestemmle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

I cannot understand why you would fire a person without cause. But of course the cause is that he has been looking out for the interests of Santa Clara even when it is against the 49ers. I think we need to keep the city attorney who represents us. Keep Brian Doyle!

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Meslo

From: Martha Sherman <mhsherm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian Doyle!

Dear Councilmembers Park, Jani, Chahal, and Becker,

Since the 49ers stadium was built, Jed York has ignored local and state laws, including specific curfew laws, and tried to grab the soccer park after promising not to. We expect our City Council to represent the best interests of Santa Clara, not an NFL franchise that should pay its own way and not try to cheat Santa Clara.

Trying to fire Brian Doyle for standing up to the 49ers is wrong. Trying to do it in a secret meeting behind closed doors is doubly wrong. If you are trying to further the interests of the 49ers over the city of Santa Clara and its citizens, at least do it publicly and be transparent and accountable. And reflect on what your legacy as councilmembers will be: further allowing the 49ers to cheat our community and citizens or standing up for what's right for our community.

Yours Truly,

Martha Sherman,
49ers Backyard

Melissa Meslo

From: Craig Larsen <clarsen3@mindspring.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Regarding: Special Meeting Sept. 1, 2021

City Council members:

I am writing to express my outrage at this cloaked action to remove City Attorney Brian Doyle from his position. I find it quite telling that the agenda item and supporting documentation do not name the public employee or their position within the City government. Applicant Becker does not even have the courage to name the target of his request to discipline/dismiss/release this unnamed City employee, said to be Mr. Doyle. Applicant Becker does not indicate any specific offense as reason to take such action against Mr. Doyle.

I attended most of the public meetings where the City requested the 49ers to provide more detailed financial disclosure of their ManCo stadium costs and revenue to the City. Mr. Doyle led that effort. The 49ers organization never attended those meetings and only relented to allow the City to see, but not copy the financial statements in question. Now the 49ers have Councilmembers Becker, Chahal, Jain and Park to do their bidding. These Council members are supposed to protect and represent the interests of the citizens of Santa Clara. The fact they meet more frequently with the 49ers than their own citizen constituency should tell you a great deal about their loyalty. I know three of these four Council members personally and I am ashamed of their behavior in this regard. They do not represent the best interests of Santa Clara. I look forward to their removal from office.

It is very clear what is happening here. After spending almost \$3 million on campaigns resulting in the elections to the City Council of misters Becker, Jain, and Park, the 49ers will leverage their investment resulting in the loss of revenue for the City. I doubt any of these new Council members would have been elected without the assistance of the 49ers blanketing the media with their campaign advertisements.

I urge the City Council to keep Mr. Doyle in his position as City Attorney. Mr. Doyle fights for Santa Clara!

Craig Larsen

Melissa Meslo

From: sfninergirl03@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:49 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Do Not Fire Brian Doyle

The Council is voted in and elected by Santa Clarans to represent US, not Jed York or the 49ers Executives! It is so transparent how Jed has manipulated the 4 Councilmen and controls your votes! Shameful

Brian has done a great job for Santa Clara and deserves to keep his job! You have not shown any valid reason that he needs to be fired, except you majority don't like that he stands up to Jed and the 49er Executives.

I am a Santa Clara resident and a 49er fan but I strongly disagree with the way they have slithered their way into our City politics and elections and you have allowed them to do that.

Stand up for what's right and don't fire Brian Doyle.

Thank you,
Patty Atherton

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Meslo

From: Clara Cruz <wildhawkdr@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian!

How dare you fire a good attorney just because he stands up for the law and justice!

Melissa Meslo

From: Carolyn S <cyscen21@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian Doyle

I do not want Brian Dole fired the 49Niners did not do justice to the City of Santa Clara when they paid for the Advertisement of the Council Members they backed. I have lived in this City since the 40"s and I cannot believe what has happened to it since that Stadium was built.

It has ruined our City.

Carolyn Schulte

Sent from Mail for Windows

Melissa Meslo

From: Silvia Walsh <foffyclan@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Keep Doyle

Integrity means nothing to most mediocre, ignorant, self-serving people. I thought SC council members were better than this, but apparently not.

Keep Doyle in his attorney role. It seems to most he was making the right decisions.
64 year resident of SC.

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Meslo

From: a49ermom@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian Doyle

People of Santa Clara, please do not let Anthony Becker fire Brian Doyle. You can stop this. You need to stop Becker. He is on our city council but he works for Jed York. Jed paid him and 2 others a thousand dollars each to run for city council, and they won. Now every Tuesday, they meet with Jed before the city council meeting so that they know exactly what Jed wants. 2 other members joined in with Jed York's team. There are 7 people on the council and 5 of them could care less about Santa Clara. This is really bad.

Brian Doyle has taken such good care of our city, and that is not what Jed York and his 5 cohorts want. They do not want to pay our city for anything.

When Becker is asked why he wants Doyle fired, he does not know what to say. He can not give a reason why. They just want to clean house. This is just the beginning.

People please, if we do not stop them now, Santa Clara will be destroyed

By the way, I love the 49ers

Melissa Meslo

From: Robert Hernandez <upsmanruss@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian Doyle

Please don't for City attorney Brian Doyle for being the whistle blower.Keep the 49ers dark money out of Santa Clara politics.
Thanks you Russ Hernandez

Melissa Meslo

From: Burt Field <burt.field@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire our City Attorney

Don't Fire our City Attorney.

1. You have no qualified reason
2. You have no history to support this type of action against a City Employee.
3. You play this card, it will not end up well for you... and right now, YOU is whom you should be thinking about.
4. You are about to start a journey that you do not know how it will end. Talk about a "High Wire" act with no net, you are about to realize how scary it will become. Nothing the 49ers can do for you after this will merit the amount of personal and financial damage you and your families are about to embark on.

I'm not an expert on California Law, but I do know this. The person you are trying to fire is an expert, and has lots of Attorney friends. All of them are motivated to come to his aid to defend him.

You want to know how these types have fun... gather around children you are about to see a bunch of Attorneys do what they do best. This is where they are strongest, this is where you are weakest. This is what they live for.

May I suggest a better option? Drive North to the San Francisco Zoo. Smear a couple pounds of raw meat all over your body and jump into the Lion's Den just before dinner time. Honestly I like your chances a whole lot better there. Right now the person who is financially backed you in elections has you as a "Go Between". So Legally this is not his fight, it's yours. In many circles, you would be referred to as "The Sucker". Not the best way to be known as, but pretty much sums up what you are about to enter into.

You have everything to loose, and not a to to gain. You have been elected to represent the Residents of your Districts, not a local company. No Monday Night Football Ad will buy your way out of this mess if you move forward.

You sure you want to do this? You ready for this fight? Think at least one more time...are you sure?

This decision is about to change your life.

Financially it's going to get rough. You will get a new name, Defendant. "Friends", well we shall see about that. Even rats know when to jump off a sinking ship.

The final question I have is Why? This is a classic "Self Inflicted Wound". If you choose to fire the Santa Clara City Attorney, you are hanging a Bullseye on your own back.

Past is the past... we shall see what the future will bring.

All this rest in your hands...

Hopefully I have given you something to think about.

Vote to keep Brian Doyle

Burt Field

Melissa Meslo

From: Dan Melinger <danmelinger@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

I moved to the City of Santa Clara in 1981. In all those years, I've never seen such a dysfunctional and corrupt City Council. I find it disgusting that one party can invest \$3,000,000 in an election and have enormous influence in Santa Clara's operations. Is the city for sale to the highest bidder?

Fortunately, some are fighting back for the citizens. My compliments go to the Mayor, I applaud her integrity. And I applaud Brian Doyle's integrity and tenacity.

DON'T FIRE BRIAN DOYLE!

Thank you,
Dan Melinger

Melissa Meslo

From: Marie Zigon <mz2206@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't fire Brian Doyle

- We expect our City Council to represent the best interests of Santa Clara, not an NFL franchise who tried to take our soccer park and routinely violates our curfew laws. Getting rid of Brian Doyle will be the next step in their effort to take over Santa Clara.
- It's shameful that the City Council wants to fire Brian Doyle in a secret meeting behind closed doors. If you want to help Jed York, do it publicly in front of Santa Clarans.

Before Measure J passed the 49ers were everywhere to be seen. Helping and donating to the schools etc. They had a big public appearance around Santa Clara. Now that Measure J passed, where are they? They have only their best interest in mind, NOT the best interests of Santa Clarans.

If there was re-vote today I wonder who would be supporting Measure J now?

Marie Z

Melissa Meslo

From: matt heintz <scredwings97@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Make this a public meeting so all can see and hear what the allegations and reasons are and respond. Put it on the public record.

Matt Heintz

Melissa Meslo

From: Robert Freitas <freitas1@pacbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Brian Doyle is good for SC

Don't be 49ers puppets , keep Brian Doyle
Bob Freitas

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Melissa Meslo

From: Denise Olenak <d_olenak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Have you no shame? Its one thing to be in the pocket of the multi-million dollar 49ers, its completely another to fire a good and true public servant trying to do his job. Do try to do the right thing.

-Sincerely,

Denise M. Olenak

Melissa Meslo

From: brendanpcroom@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:02 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

I believe it is shameful of the councilmembers that have requested a closed door meeting to discuss firing an unidentified city employee, and it is believed that unidentified city employee is Brian Doyle. As a resident of the City of Santa Clara, I would like to ask the city council to not fire Brian Doyle. I believe he has done a wonderful job of representing the interests of the city and the residents.

Thank you,
Brendan Croom

Melissa Meslo

From: Rich Saunders <saundersrx7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

The 49ers aren't above the law. Don't fire Brian Doyle.

Melissa Meslo

From: ron zea <mrz6462@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Don't Fire Brian Doyle

Mayor and Council Members ,

Enough is Enough! The 49er organization has tried to rule our city for too long . Attempting to Fire Brian Doyle to appease the organization that got some of you elected will only end in more lawsuits and will further enhance the coffers of the 49er owners.

It is time the entire City Council stands up for the Citizens of Santa Clara and work together on their behalf, not on the behalf of special interests.

Ron Zea

- **Jed York spent \$3 million to elect 3 Councilmembers: Becker, Jain, and Park. Now they are paying him back by firing a good city attorney who stands up to the team.**
- **Rather than follow local and state laws, the 49ers would rather get rid of the city attorney so they can do as they please.**
- **We expect our City Council to represent the best interests of Santa Clara, not an NFL franchise who tried to take our soccer park and routinely violates our curfew laws. Getting rid of Brian Doyle will be the next step in their effort to take over Santa Clara.**
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