



Agenda Report

22-1348

Agenda Date: 11/1/2022

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action on a Written Petition (Council Policy 030), Submitted by Lori Garmany Requesting to Place an Agenda Item on a Future Council Meeting for Council to Consider the Censure of Mayor Lisa Gillmor for the Leaking of Confidential Closed Session Settlement Information to the Press as well as Writing a Letter to Governor Newsom

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Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

Council Policy 030 - Adding an Item on the Agenda (Attachment 1) sets forth the procedure for written petitions. Any member of the public may submit a written request raising any issue or item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Per the policy, the written request will be submitted on the agenda, in the form substantially provided by the requestor, without any staff analysis, including fiscal review, legal review and policy review. If a simple majority of the City Council supports further study of the request, then a full staff analysis shall be prepared within thirty (30) days, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office received a Written Petition on October 25, 2022 from Lori Garmany, requesting to place an agenda item on a future council meeting for Council to discuss consider the censure of Mayor Lisa Gillmor for the leaking of confidential closed session settlement information to the press as well as writing a letter to Governor Newsom. (Attachment 2).

In the request Lori Garmany states:

The censure of Mayor Lisa Gillmor for the leaking of confidential closed session settlement information to the press as well as writing a letter to Governor Newsom asking him to help her campaign donor. In both instances the Mayor went above the City Council which is deemed inappropriate and unethical. Also recommend that these incidents be referred to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board

outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any report to council may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Set a future Council meeting date to take action on the Written Petition received.
2. Take no action.
3. Any other City Council Action, as determined by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff makes no recommendation.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Rajeev Batra, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Policy and Procedure 030 - Adding an Item on the Agenda
2. Written Petition submitted by Lori Garmany received October 25, 2022