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Dear Mayor Detoy,
Dear City Council

Re: Retract Ray Jackson Endorsement

I am calling on the City Council to retract their endorsement of Councilman Jackson or at least speak out and censure him for his statements at the conclusion of the City Manager Contract hearing in the Oct 25th City Council meeting.

Councilman Jackson said 3 of the candidates he is running against are slaves of the bar lobby; without offering any proof.

And in even more careless and reckless act, Councilman Jackson failed to clearly identify which 3 candidates he were referring too when he claimed these candidates slaves to the bar lobby and beholden to dark [dirty] money; meaning that even if Councilman Jackson's unproven accusations were true; by not specifying which 3; he essentially impugned & slandered all 6.

Reckless, careless dirty politics and Hermosa deserves better from a sitting councilman and prospective Mayor.

Will Councilman Jackson have the integrity to now identify which 3 of 6 candidates are slaves to the bar lobby and beholden to dark money along with evidence that supports your claims: Dan Godwin, Jeff Raedy, Dean Francois, Kierien Harrington, Rob Seamann, Matt McCool? And would you please identify the 3 candidates you unfairly impugned with your broad brush accusations?

And if Councilman Jackson lacks the integrity to "right" this wrong will the council censure him or retract their endorsements of him for city Council?

Also, there is plenty of other evidence the current council is falling apart at the seams and needs to be voted out. In the October 11 City Council meeting Councilman Massey gaslighted again by stating the City Council had followed the recommendations of the Cannabis Advisory Committee "to a T" when in fact they had not followed the advisory commission's 6-3 vote to offer a competing initiative nor had the council followed the commissions 9-0 vote to NOT to offer a delivery cannabis ordinance before the November 8 election.

Councilman Massey's statements the council had followed the commissions advice to a "T" was borderline delusional

Then there was Councilman Campbell's uncharacteristically arrogant and stupid statement regarding the growth in the City Manager's budget, saying that most voters don't understand

that in a small city staff has to wear many hats.

Doesn't Ms. Campbell understand that many work in small businesses where wearing multiple hats is commonplace.

What many residents see and are objecting too is exponential growth and centralization in the city managers office and no correlating decrease in the Departmental budgets.

And finally we get to the biggest gaslight-moment of all. While it's true that our City Manager has made some good hires; especially in the case of Chief Lebaron and Joe SanClemente, we've lost plenty of good talent under the Lowenthal administration too. And this is just the nature of the beast. A small city like Hermosa is a perfect proving ground for top young talent and much of that talent will move on for bigger and better things. For the Council to think otherwise is just foolish. Giving the City Manager a five year contract and telling us that the reason we must do this is to retain top staff; well there is no evidence of this whatsoever. Think of Nico Scaia, Marnell Gibson, Leeanne Singleton and Eddie Sarmiento. They all left under the Lowenthal administration but the council preaches Ms Lowenthal's ability to bring stability. There is no evidence of that.

Top young talent will use Hermosa As a proving ground and many will move on. It's the nature of the beast. And we will benefit from this talent as long as we have effective ethical leadership.

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