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To: <u>Eduardo Sarmiento; Suja Lowenthal</u>
Subject: Public comments - October 13th meeting
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Hello,

I would like to submit the below to the October 13th meeting for public comment.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you! Samantha Kuhr

After reading the ruling against Stacey Armato in the Crossfit Gym nuisance abatement hearings, reading the slander on various Facebook pages, and reading the Hany Fangary letter to various publications, it seems that Stacey is in an impossible position.

The judge ruled, "Armato's communications with complaining residents show that she became an active participant in building a nuisance case against the Gym."

By definition, her role as a councilmember requires her to communicate with Hermosa Beach residents. One of Stacey's best character traits is her incredible empathy. Empathy by definition is the ability to understand and share the feelings and emotions of others. Stacey works hard to understand the needs of people around her, and to fully educate herself in whatever topic she is tackling.

Having known Stacey and her family for over 7 years, I have come to know and appreciate Stacey's empathy and commitment to Hermosa. Whatever the problem a member of the community may have, Stacey and her family are there, serving as examples of involved, empathetic residents. Stacey's experience is broad and serves as a great complement to that of the entire Hermosa Beach City Council. She is someone who loves Hermosa Beach, and it shows.

It also could be a case of 'the pot calling the kettle black' when Hany refers to Stacey costing the City thousands of dollars in litigation, as it's my understand that Hany is also in litigation with the City of Hermosa Beach.

Empathetic leaders are able to build and develop relationships with those they lead, and I personally wish that more of our current leaders had empathy and I commend Stacey for her empathy.

Thank you.

Samantha Kuhr