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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020 11:49 AM

**To:** [jnakamoto@hermosapolice.org](mailto:jnakamoto@hermosapolice.org)

**Cc:** [ecahalan@hermosapolice.org](mailto:ecahalan@hermosapolice.org); [citycouncil@hermosabch.org](mailto:citycouncil@hermosabch.org); [cityclerk@hermosabch.org](mailto:cityclerk@hermosabch.org)

**Subject:** Crime Against Public Justice

OFC. Nakamoto:

I am respectfully requesting a crime report be filed against the individual that filed the attached report with you. My allegation is **this individual filed a false police report.**

The report is heavily redacted. Therefore, I cannot confirm the individual's identity, which is why I am contacting you directly. However, there was a Stephanie Palmer, who was bragging on Facebook about filing a police report against me on the same day. See attached.

It is in my best interest to respond to these allegations anytime a police officer takes a report advising a restraining order be filed against me. Furthermore, your report associates me with a presidential assassin and a domestic terrorist for using the Latin phrase 'Sic Semper Tyrannis.'

Political satire is not a crime, and 'Sic Semper Tyrannis' is the Virginia state motto. Therefore, I cannot comprehend why a police officer would seriously take a police report without outside influences. The Hermosa Beach Police Department cannot be the Facebook police.

**REPORT:** I do not know Stephanie Palmer. She is not part of Advocates for Hermosa. She was removed on December 16, 2018 for a profanity-laced personal attack on another member. Additionally, I posted the Keep Hermosa Hermosa satirical org chart on September 2, 2018, not in December 2018 as stated in your report. Furthermore, I was informed from a very reliable source that the Community Police Advisory Board vetted this infamous org chart, and no action was taken. It is attached. I believe Stephanie Palmer became triggered by my indirect Facebook activity, and she wanted to retaliate by reporting me to the police. She falsely claimed I have threatened and harassed her, as she has also reported on Facebook. Then she fabricated a story to you, that there was a threat risk to the individuals in an org chart, nearly 7-months after the post.

Following my public records request, I made a satirical Facebook post mocking your heavily redacted report associating me with Timothy McVey. However, 13 months later I was interviewed by federal agents under false pretenses for allegedly making terrorist threats. Obviously, this is retaliation by Councilwoman Armato. Therefore I am escalating this situation, and need to officially document everything.

Councilwoman Armato and her constituents have weaponized Facebook, and have targeted me since December 2015. See attached article. I will be addressing this issue at the next City Council meeting.

Please advise if you need anything from me, or if you need me to meet up at the police station to file this report.

Very Respectfully,

Matt McCool

**From:** PSO Terea Johnson [<mailto:tjohnson@hermosapolice.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 6:22 PM  
**To:** Matt McCool <[mccool.matt@gmail.com](mailto:mccool.matt@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** PSO Starla Smith <[ssmith@hermosapolice.org](mailto:ssmith@hermosapolice.org)>; Records Request  
<[recordsrequest@hermosabch.org](mailto:recordsrequest@hermosabch.org)>  
**Subject:** Public Records Request

Dear Mr. McCool:

The City of Hermosa Beach is in receipt of your Public Records Act request received April 2, 2019.  
Attached are the responsive records.

Please note that the City is not required to produce information as to the complaining party. (See Gov. Code Section 6255; *see also City of San Jose v. Superior Court* (1999) 74 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1008.) Accordingly, the City has redacted that identifying information.

Please let me know if I can assist you further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terea Johnson  
Hermosa Beach Police Department



**Hermosa Beach Police Department**  
540 PIER AVE | HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254 | P: 310.318.0360

**DR # 19-0000640 - Crime/Incident Report**

REPORT DATE / TIME	AREA / BEAT	EVENT START DATE / TIME - EVENT END DATE / TIME
Mar 29, 2019 19:54	City HERMOSA / RD B101	Mar 29, 2019 17:30 - 18:30
PRIMARY REPORTER		
Joshua Nakamoto #10203		
REPORT TAKEN LOCATION		
540 PIER AVE, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254		

**NARRATIVE**

On 03-29-2019 at approximately 1815 hours, I (Officer Nakamoto #203) was dispatched to 540 Pier Avenue regarding a disturbance call. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is part of a Facebook group called Advocates for Hermosa Beach. This group is a public forum that discusses local and national politics along with any events related to Hermosa Beach. [REDACTED] stated that during December one of the founders Matt McCool posted a flow chart of the Organizational Structure of the Hermosa Beach "Mafia Style" politics. McCool stated he found the paper on his doorstep with the post-it-note; Sic semper tyrannis.

[REDACTED] stated that the phrase is known for being shouted by John Wilkes Booth after he shot President Lincoln and was on Timothy McVeigh's shirt when he was arrested for the Oklahoma City Bombing. [REDACTED] believes that McCool did not find this on his doorstep, but was the one responsible for making the flow chart and is concerned for the people that are shown on the flow chart. See attached link for further.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AdvocatesforHermosaBeach/permalink/1722088867920265>

[REDACTED]

I advised [REDACTED] block McCool from Facebook and to not engage McCool in any public forums in order to avoid him. [REDACTED] was also advised if [REDACTED] felt [REDACTED] has exhausted all options that [REDACTED] could go to Torrance Courthouse to obtain a restraining order.

REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE / DATE	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / DATE
Joshua Nakamoto #10203 Mar 30, 2019 03:56 (e-signature)	Eric Cahalan #10169 Mar 30, 2019 23:34 (e-signature)
PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME
Joshua Nakamoto #10203	Eric Cahalan #10169

**INCIDENT INFO**

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**PERSON ADDENDUM****ATTACHMENTS ADDENDUM**

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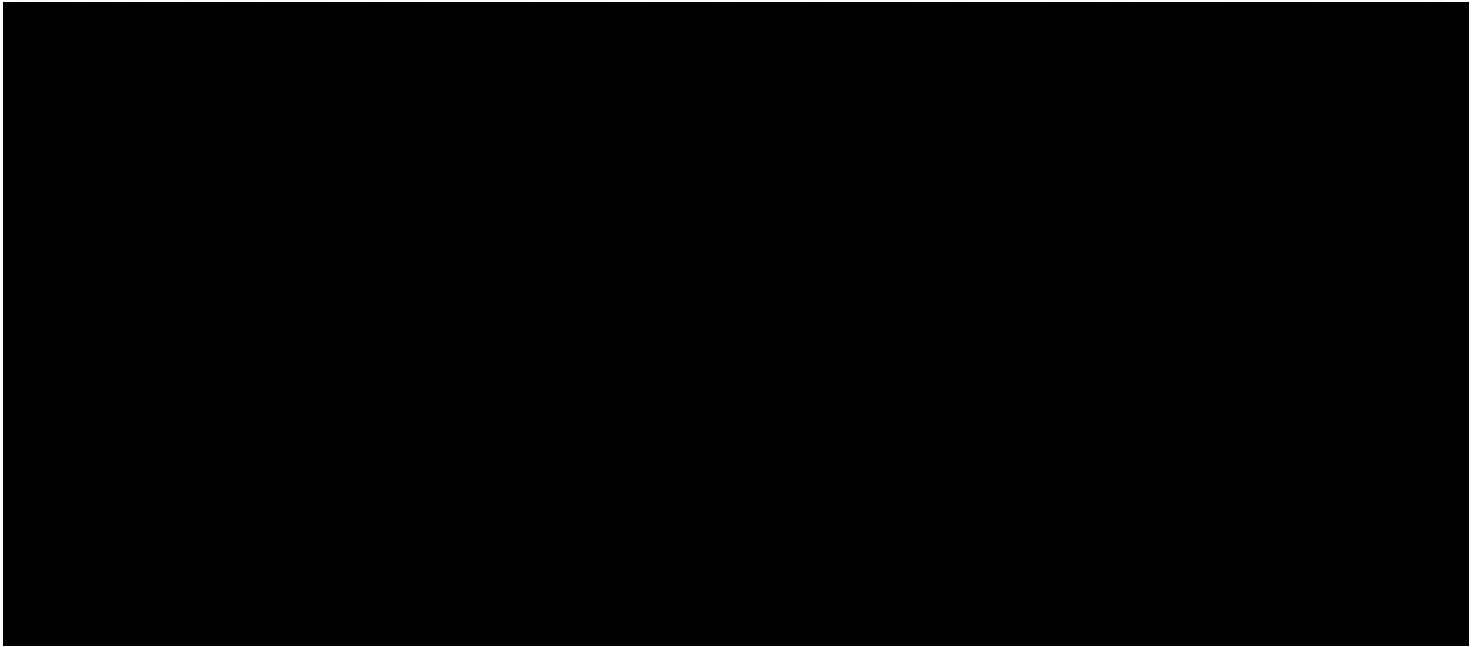
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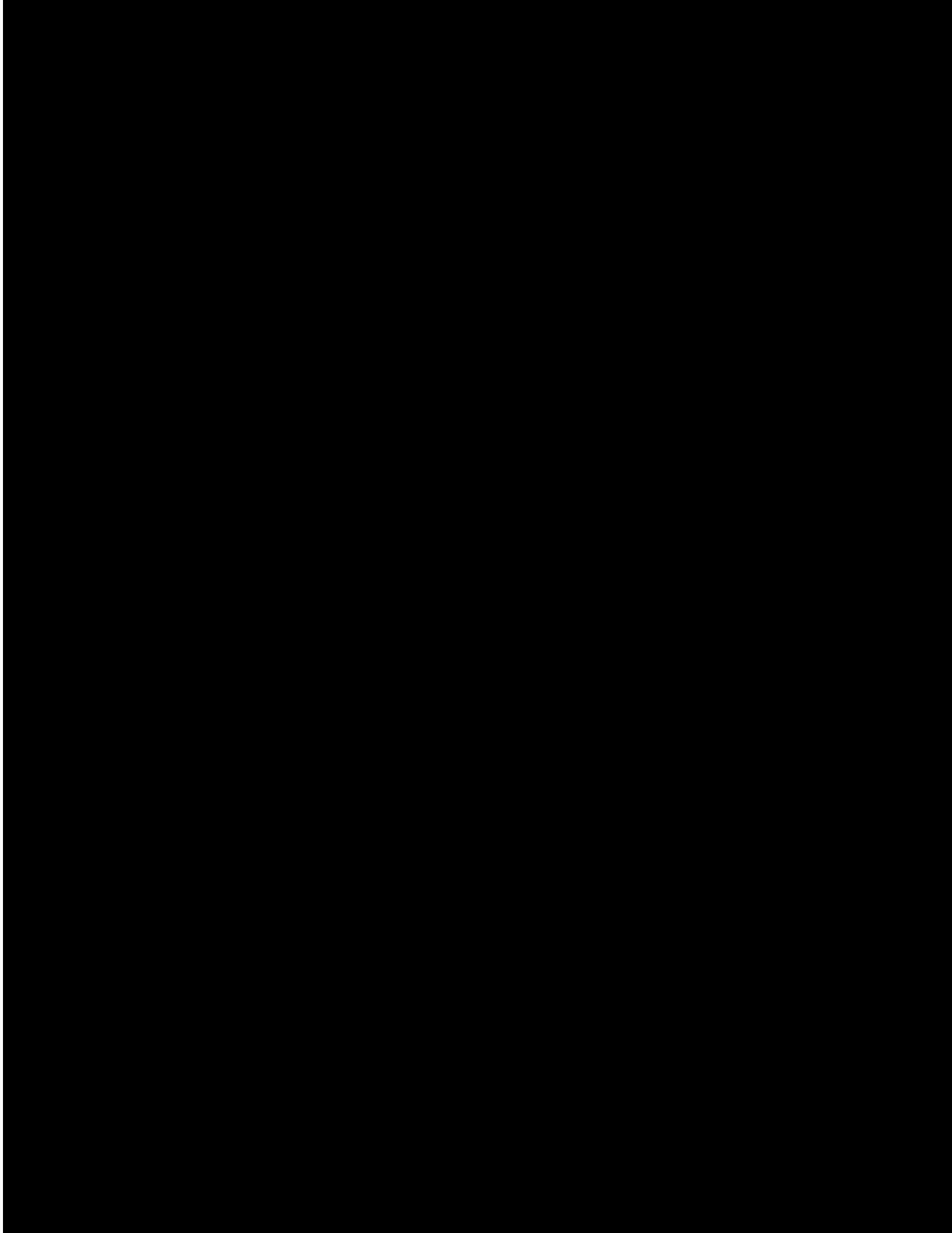
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[REDACTED]





**Monica Fortunato** Here is the hard part - physical threats have been made against city council members, their spouses and other community members based on posts in Advocates. How can we as a community ignore that? **Christopher Kyle Brown** - Thank you for calling this out again.

Like · Reply · 2d



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**Christopher Kyle Brown** **Monica Fortunato** , Hadn't heard about the physical threats. I would report that to the police and just keep standing up for what's right. The truth will prevail.

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**Monica Fortunato** They were comments in a heavily edited video that was posted by McCool. I immediately alerted the city council person that was threatened.

Like · Reply · 2d



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**Monica Fortunato** A city council spouse was approached at Vons and flipped off. Also the organizational chart has resurfaced. It includes the comment "death to Tyrants" (in latin) by McCool. Contains pictures of over 30 community members. Including me and Robert. Not sure if that is reportable to the police but it is creepy.

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**Jenn Scott-Auville** **Monica Fortunato** i say report them both so it's on the record! F it! I haven't seen this new chart....!

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**Bob Wolfe** "Sic semper tyrannus" ("thus always to tyrants") is what John Wilkes Booth shouted as he assassinated Abraham Lincoln and jumped onto the stage at Ford's Theatre.

Obviously, the phrase has horrible historical associations and should never be taken lightly. Conspiracy theorists know what it means when they use it.

Like · Reply · 1d



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**Jonathon E. Stewart** **Christopher Kyle Brown** I think it's been said in other comments here, but Matt McCool and Tracy HB are the same ilk as Kent—they do not "call him out" because they share political ideology with him. Matt is also a documented misogynist who has publicly threatened rape. Kent and his people are affiliated with white supremacy groups. These are not good people.

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**Monica Fortunato** **Jonathon E. Stewart** - Yes - thank you for reminding us that some prominent advocates members are affiliated with hate groups.

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**Wayne Mogilefsky** I didn't realize at the time it was first posted that the Latin "Death to Tyrants" phrase in that chart is known for being what Timothy McVeigh had on the T-shirt he was wearing when he was arrested. A police report should have been filed, and seeing as how they are still boosting it, maybe it still should be. **Monica Fortunato** **Jenn Scott-Auville**

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**Stephanie Palmer**

March 28 at 5:08 PM

So what do I do now? Matt McCool is messaging my Mom on Facebook and threatening me via her. Suggestions appreciated because I have had enough with him. What did I say he is stalking this forum.

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[66 Comments](#)

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**Johnathan Gupta** I am unsure why the city hasn't done anything about his threatening behavior over the years.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Kira Burt** Police report. Seriously. Harassment via social media is still harassment.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Stephanie Palmer** This is crazy my mom is like what? I have never threatened Matt I have teased him relentlessly, but again I am allowed to not like him. I called the Hermosa Beach Police Department and told them what is going on. I have every message he sent me and every post I have everything.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Kira Burt** Stephanie Palmer so are the police going to take a report?

Like · Reply · 1w



**Stephanie Palmer** Kira Burt ya they could but idk what that would do. They funny thing about this is he says I am harassing him right? I have an inbox flooded with his messages to me. I have never initiated a message with him ever. On top of that he messaged my mom?? Who does that? Oh btw after that last message he blocked me 😞

Like · Reply · 1w



**Stephanie Palmer** Kira Burt I did call Hermosa Police Department and they knew he was right when I said his name. This must be nothing new.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Kira Burt** Stephanie Filing a report with them is just for them to have on record. It doesn't do anything right now but this guy is clearly making this a job so if he does do something stupid like shoot someone, there will be no doubt in the jurors mind that he is guilty if the police are able to produce multiple harassment reports from multiple people.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Chris Navarro** Demand a police report so that it is documented, then go to the Torrance courthouse and file a restraining order. I did it about 4 years ago to someone who wouldn't leave me alone.

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



**Jose Bacallao** Stephanie Palmer definitely file an official report.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Jacquelyne May** It's called Chain of Evidence. Make a report for your and your Mom's protection. You never know if others have made reports, too and they add up to merit action.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Stephanie Palmer** Jacquelyne May uh your right. I just hate this stupid drama.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Jacquelyne May** I agree, but it is the best way to go about any investigation. What if he makes a report about you and you have nothing on record? We had a pill named Viet. He hated me because I knew a politician and he had a violent reaction to them. He tore up my ya... [See More](#)

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 **Stephanie Palmer**  
This is crazy my mom is like what? I have never threatened

<  **Stephanie Palmer** ▸  
Hermosa Beach Forum  
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mm. What did I say he is stalking this forum.


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👍👍👍 **Stacey Armato and 10 others**

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3h Like Reply 2

Write a reply...

 **Jenn Scott-Auville**  
**Stephanie Palmer** you need to file that police report and do the restraining order and have it all documented. Totally agree. Save and document everything. He's not stable and you have 3 kids and can't be taking any chances at this point. Same with Kent. These two especially need to be stopped by force by the HBPD if needed.  
1h Like Reply 3

 **Jenn Scott-Auville**  
All of us are character witnesses to their dysfunction and mental instability  
1h Like Reply 2

 **Stephanie Palmer**  
**Jacquelyne May** latter I am at the HBPD  
2h Like Reply

 **Jacquelyne May**  
Good luck!  
1h Like Reply

Write a reply...

 **Stephanie Palmer**  
Anyone want to meet me at Hermosa Beach police department right now they are taking statements  
2h Like Reply 1

 **Timothy O'Connor**  
**Stephanie Palmer** get that clown out of there. He does not belong.



**Stephanie Palmer** I just want to thank everyone for being so understanding about this crap. I really do appreciate it.



Like · Reply · 16w



**Monica Fortunato** We have your back.



Like · Reply · 16w



**Stephanie Palmer** Monica Fortunato very sweet ty



Like · Reply · 16w



Write a reply...





Stephanie Palmer

Matt McCool doesn't even live in Hermosa. I see some comments of people saying Tracy removes and deletes comments but that's a Matt thing more than her. I don't know why people are so scared of Matt? No one does ANYTHING. What the real kicker for me is one of the police officers from Hermosa Beach is on Advocates and this site and again says and does nothing. This officer even saw the post where Matt said he was going to blow up city hall and didn't do anything. Matt isn't held accountable for shit. **Kira Burt** and **Andrea Vestran...** [See More](#)

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# Social media political bashing gets personal in Hermosa Beach

by Eric Michael Stitt Dec 17, 2015



For roughly three years Hermosa Beach residents have been noticeably trading jabs about local political issues through Facebook, and some people's tolerance for it is finally running out.

The increase in online bullying could have stopped last March with the vote that denied oil drilling in the city. But instead it escalated for nine months into the November City Council election. The sometimes personal attacks have continued heading into a March 1 special election.

Resident Stacey Armato, who earned widespread support for leading the charge against oil with the group Keep Hermosa Hermosa, was first to file for the special election to fill the seat Nanette Barragan vacated in the summer. Her supporters argued Armato was a shoe-in, that no one should bother to oppose her and that doing so would cost the city at least \$50,000.

With a Dec. 7 deadline approaching and the council facing an option to simply appoint Armato, resident Matt McCool pulled papers. He was blasted with nasty comments on Facebook by fellow Hermosans.

And the social media jeering didn't just stop with the obvious, "not cool, McCool." Someone created a business profile about McCool on Yelp. It includes a link to a website that displays the words "the idiot" next to his photo.

The [MatthewMcCool.com](http://MatthewMcCool.com) site is registered through GoDaddy's Domain By Proxy service, which allows users to pay for a URL and hide the owner. The website that maligns McCool is paid for through March 2016.

McCool was not surprised about the creation of the fake website, but said it accurately describes the type of bullying that's been going on through Facebook regarding Hermosa Beach politics.

"That's why nobody wanted to run. That's the tone of the politics in Hermosa Beach right now," McCool said. "It's all lies."

After pulling papers, McCool wound up not filing them. But, Trent Larson, who lost his election bid Nov. 3, did file papers and quickly experienced an online bashing.

McCool said the discussion amongst people he knew was that viable candidates didn't want to battle the vocal group that feels Armato will win. McCool was willing to run if Larson hadn't because he's "immune to it" and doesn't care what others say. In fact, McCool, a Navy reservist, isn't worried about tracking down the owner of the website. But he's disturbed by the bullying that's being done.

"It's unbelievable adults are engaging in that type of (behavior) online," McCool said.

Armato has tried her best to deter people from acting inappropriately online but said, "I can't be the Facebook police."

She said the oil-drilling debate got residents emotionally involved, which caused some to cross the line of decency. She always encourages folks to be respectful, but she said they're adults and will ultimately behave how they want to.

"A few people are just brutal," she said. "People are always going to say what they feel ... these are emotional times for people. Everyone responds differently."

At the Dec. 8 Hermosa Beach City Council meeting, resident Allan Mason provided a small verbal example of the type of comments routinely seen on Facebook. He spoke out about why he felt Larson should not have filed papers.

"How can he possibly justify his candidacy when it's going to cost us all so much time and money ... and I can't believe anyone would invest money in his candidacy. Flushing \$100 bills down the toilet would have as much effect," Mason said.

After Mason spoke at the meeting, McCool defended the right to have an election and Larson stood up for his reasons to run again. Then Armato spoke and apologized to Larson for people's negative comments about him.

A few days after the meeting, Larson said the bullying, in any manner, needs to stop.

"No. 1, I don't like it. That's the kind of stuff we tell our kids not to do," Larson said. "We teach our kids not to be bullies (and then) they see adults doing it with no recourse ... it doesn't have a place in our community."

In an email to The Beach Reporter several days later, Mason said he regretted some of the statements he made about Larson. However, Mason stood by comments stating Larson can't win.

“I would hardly call a simple reality check bullying,” said Mason. “In fact, you could easily argue that he is the one bullying the whole town into letting him back into the spotlight while making us pay for the privilege, without a shred of reasonable rationale for his candidacy. Rarely has one person held so much temporary power in Hermosa, and I fear he will serve his own wrongly-perceived self-interest rather than the best interests of Hermosa.”

Online political bashing in Hermosa Beach is not new. Josh Ochs, a social media safety expert, ran for Hermosa Beach City Council in 2009 and said he too was bullied during his campaign. Ochs, who now lives in Santa Monica, uses some of that experience when he’s speaking about cyberbullying and social media to children and parents throughout the country, including students at Redondo Union and Mira Costa high schools.

During his campaign, Ochs said people consistently bullied him online saying things that “hurt my feelings really badly.”

“I can’t believe people hate me,” Ochs recalled thinking. “(But) it ended up coming back to hurt them.”

Ochs said one of his bullies didn’t get a particular job because the person “lost credibility” due to the cyberbullying.

“Their negative posts about positive people were a huge red flag for future clients and prospects,” Ochs said.

Ochs, who authored a book titled “Light, Bright And Polite,” advises people to be respectful and to keep comments positive.

“It may feel good at the time, and you might feel as though you have the right to speak your mind, but understand that there are very real consequences to negative posts on social media,” he said.

Armato said she has also been the target of insults that have been “hurtful,” but she’s trying to “have a thick skin.” But because some people view Larson as pro-oil and her as anti-oil, Armato doesn’t think the insults will completely go away before the March special election.

“I do believe they’re coming from a good place, (but) it’s just coming out wrong for some of them,” Armato said.

All she can do is lead by example and encourage people to make their points respectfully.

Larson agreed.

“I think people need to look in the mirror, be a better person and find new ways to express themselves in a better manner,” he said.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Establish a mafia style oligarchy shadow government controlling all aspects of the city, while dictating the way of life for residents and visitors in order to fundamentally transform our city into a politically idealistic utopia.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Use extreme bias and favoritism for appointing city officials, to scheme with our self-appointed city officials and covert deep state staff operatives to transform Hermosa's resources into a vibrant environment.
- Micromanage the Police department and resources for a safer Hermosa by creating a Community Police Advisory Board where the co-chair will also serve as co-Chief of Police.
- Gentrification of Cypress Avenue into an arts and entertainment district for local merchants, plus seize control of the CrossFit Horsepower building and retrofit into a unique artisan cafe.

## Organizational Structure

\* Current or past Hermosa Beach City Official  
\*\* Next appointed City Commissioner

### Boss



Dency  
"SAGE"  
Nelson

### Consigliere



Robert  
"The Charlatan"  
Fortunato

### Underboss



\*Stacey  
"The Despot"  
Armato

### Caporegime



\* Marie  
"The Shrew"  
Rice

### Caporegime



Mike  
"The Messiah"  
Collins

### Caporegime



\*\* Sheryl  
"The Proctologist"  
Mains

### Caporegime



\* Barbara  
"The Accountant"  
Ellman

### Caporegime



\* Justin  
"The Protégé"  
Massey

### Soldiers



\* Lauren  
"The Spinster"  
Pizer-Mains

### Soldiers



\* Mary  
"Mrs. Collins"  
Campbell

### Soldiers



Wayne  
"The Silver Levy"  
Mogilefsky

### Soldiers



Jose  
"Deuce Bigalow"  
Bacallao

### Soldiers



\* Jeff  
"Milkweed"  
Duclos



Rick  
"Brokeback"  
Ciampa



Claudia  
"The Gossip Girl"  
Berman



Jonathon  
"Lil' Weinstein"  
Stewart  
#MeToo



Michael  
"CrossFit"  
Binder



Monica  
"The Credulous"  
Fortunato



Christopher  
"The Mercenary"  
Cenci



\* Hany  
"The Patsy"  
Fangary



Samantha  
"The Chav"  
Kuhr



**Vacant**  
\*Terminated 8/25/2018



\* Dave  
"The Minion"  
Pedersen

### Associates

