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Subject: New eComment for City Council Virtual Meeting Closed Session - 5:00 PM=0ARegular Meeting - 6:00 PM=0ADuly
Posted on June 18, 2021 at 2:35 a.m. by E.S.
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Carolyn Petty submitted a new eComment.

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Item: f. REPORT 21-0381 A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT ITS EQUITY & INCLUSION GOALS (Deputy
City Manager Angela Crespi)

eComment: In reference to the resolution in which the council condemns “misrepresentation” and “disinformation” – I would say that what you really should do is condemn any person who says: “If you are not a racist, you are a liar.” Those were the words of Sheri Atwater, the consultant hired by the school district. For those of us who actually watched that meeting, we know that those were her words, and I hope the entire city council watched that (now) infamous discussion. There was nothing taken out of context as the school district claimed. Have you all watched that discussion in its entirety? If you had, you would not defend her in this proposed letter. Ms. Atwater even smiled as she described this as one of her favorite exercises with her students. Why is there is not outrage from the school board as well as this city council at those words? Instead, the school board refers to this as “misinformation” which is patently false. Her words were offensive and inexcusable. Any person with those views should not be permitted on a school campus. It is wrong to assume everyone is a racist. You should strip out any sympathy for her and instead condemn her words. That would be more appropriate for those of us who were offended by her generalizations.

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