

April Jacobs

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To: April Jacobs
Subject: Document for Public Comment Not on the Agenda

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discussion. Following that meeting, staff researched and sent a variety of memorial ideas to the families for inspiration. The families have expressed interest in Central Park being dedicated in memory of the victims, Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell, and to create a memorial at the entrance of Central Park (at the site of the current flag pole).

Attached to this item are the memorial examples provided by staff to the families and one example provided to staff by the families of a memorial at Wyndham Bonnet Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida.

After review of examples and initial, broad discussions with the families, there are a variety of ways for the City Council to consider memorializing the event and its victims, which include, but are not limited to (*note: these options are not provided in any type of prioritization*):

- Dedicate (not rename) Central Park by adding "In Memoriam of Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" to the entrance signage (*please note: this option would require consultation and consent from SCV Water*).
- Identify and rename a different City park.
- Design and construct a memorial at the entrance of Central Park.
- Expand the current Youth Grove site at Central Park to include a separate memorial.
- Identify a different location within Central Park for the design and construction of a memorial.
- Design and construct a memorial as part of the future buildout project at Central park.

It is recommended that the City Council review the memorial examples and options identified above, begin discussion of how to memorialize the event, and provide any necessary direction to staff.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Other action as determined by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None by this action.

ATTACHMENTS

Memorial Examples
Wyndham Bonnet Creek Resort Memorial

September 1, 2020

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Mayor Cameron Smyth
Santa Clarita Councilmembers

Dear Mayor Smyth and Councilmembers,

This letter is to call attention to a substantial violation of the Ralph M Brown Act which may jeopardize the finality of the action taken by the Santa Clarita City Council.

In your meeting of August 25, 2020, the Council took action to approve the memorialization of Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell by adding the words "In Memoriam of Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" to monument signs at the entrance to Central Park.

The council's action took form in a formal vote on a motion put forth by Councilman Miranda, "We add to the naming of Central Park, "In Memoriam of Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell" ".

The agenda item (12) did not provide the specificity necessary for the public to make a decision whether to attend and participate in the meeting and discussion. A reasonable person did not have sufficient notice that action may be taken on the item at the meeting. The public was lead to believe that this item would be limited to a discussion of a possible memorial related to the shootings that occurred on November 14, 2019 at Saugus High School.

Mayor Smyth alluded to this important issue when he discussed/apologized for "logistical misunderstandings" during the meeting. The purpose of the agenda and the Brown Act is to provide meaningful notice to the public about the agenda item . The meeting agenda is not meant to give the public officials flexibility to do whatever they may feel appropriate after misleading the public as to their actual intent. It appears that the wording of the brief description on the agenda was wordsmithed to be deceptive and ambiguous to the public. The City Council and city staff should strive for transparency when preparing the meeting agenda.

I will note that at the City Council meeting on July 14, there was extensive discussion between the Councilmembers about this topic even though it was not on the agenda. Eventually, City Attorney Joe Montes admonished the Council to cease the discussion as he recognized it as a flagrant Brown Act violation. The City Council did not take a vote as required by the Norms and Procedures to place a discussion on the August agenda. For Mayor Smyth to explicitly state

that the Council was able to vote on Item 12 based on the discussion at the meeting on July 14 is fallacious and disingenuous.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54960.1, I demand that the Santa Clarita City Council cure and correct the illegally taken action by formally rescinding the motion at a future meeting. Any subsequent action taken on the matter should be properly noticed and provide the public sufficient information to determine whether they want to attend and participate.

As provided by Section 54960.1 you have thirty days from receipt of this demand letter to cure and correct the challenged action or inform me of your decision not to do so. If you fail to cure and correct as demanded, your inaction may leave me no recourse but to seek judicial invalidation of the action. In such an unfortunate scenario, I would ask the court to order you to pay my court costs and reasonable attorney fees subject to Section 54960.5

Respectfully yours,

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Good Afternoon April,

Last board meeting the LAFCO, MRS was discussed by the consultant/contractor. He made a good suggestion to have some public individuals as active participants with the ratepayer advocate. This should be a must! This should be placed on the agenda for discussion and/or action.

As to fair and equitable rates..... how do the retail or wholesale rates take into account those customers that only have state water, or those that have both well water and state water. At times the wells could go dry. This should be addressed.

With interest!

Joan Dunn

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