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CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 12, 2021

J.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments

Dear City Leaders,

January 12, 2021

Ethics

The horrifying events of the past week have caused more Americans to finally reflect on the criminality that has been taking place in our government on the national level.

We were also sadly reminded of the unfortunate example of the mischief carried on over the years in our own city, even in our own City Hall. As soon as Jack and I moved to Redondo in 2012 we became aware of the tip of the corruption iceberg we were about to encounter, never before seen in our former community. Our quality of life has suffered unreasonably here as a result.

Some time ago I came before you during a Council Meeting and requested that our city recognize the need to establish a Code of Ethics. I offered to meet with you to discuss the details, but, so far, I am not aware that my request has been addressed in any way by the Council, the City Attorney, or the City Manager.

As I wait for your reply I would like to ask you to reflect upon past ethics violations by members of commissions, departments, city officials, or others in our community, that have damaged our desire for clean, fair, representative government and community in Redondo Beach.

To do nothing is not an option. At the very least we need to engage a top quality conflict resolution professional to advise us.

As you reflect, I know you will form valuable ideas about how to create our new, essential, Code of Ethics. I will be happy to engage with you, virtually, in an Ethics Committee Meeting to brainstorm together.

As I wait for your response I respectfully ask that you recognize the current and future false attacks on innocent citizens, and on their rightful participation in the community, as an ethics violation, and respond accordingly.

Thank You

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