

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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I strongly object to Resolution 2021-24 regarding the Lee Eng/Moos conflict. The council should have stayed out of the political discourse between one of its members and that member's constituent, discourse that had no bearing on the council's conduct of its business. Instead, the council adopted a one-sided resolution that is clearly one-sided. It makes a mockery of Resolution 2021-17, which condemned intimidation, aggression and violence against Asian-Americans. Why ignore previous resolutions? Are you just blowing smoke?

We must recall Lee Eng's enemies have fabricated the facts: she did not allege anyone threatened her or mention anybody by name. However, she had every right to be concerned by the texts that were sent to her. Although the final text in the series reads, "I just want to be clear, this is in no way a threat of any kind. This is me expressing my disappointment," one has to ask why this statement was necessary if the texts in question were unambiguously NOT a threat? Considering recent events around the country, it is reasonable to fear doxxing, vandalism or physical harm. Last year, this happened to the mayors of San Jose and Oakland.

People have fanned the flames by demanding Lee Eng apologize but her enemies need to acknowledge that the texts could be interpreted as a threat. The existence of the final text admits that possibility. Lee Eng should not apologize or resign. Lee Eng's enemies owe the city an apology for keeping this issue alive. The council must rescind Resolution 2021-24.

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