From: LPC Veterans Specialist
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Public Comment <<u>publiccomment@cityoftracy.org</u>>
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST Las Positas College Veterans First Program

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program and Pleasanton Military Families are proud to host the 3rd annual 2.2 For 22 Walk for Vets Virtual Challenge held October 21st to November 11th.

The 2.2 for 22 Walk for Vets Challenge is designed to raise awareness for the 22 veterans who lose their lives to suicide daily. The goal of the event is to help inform others about this important issue, and to give those who have experienced the loss of a fellow veteran an opportunity to share their story. Join us in remembering those we lost to suicide and to unite as a community to remind others they are not alone. Sign up is available as an individual participant or as part of a team, or you can show your support by making a donation to sponsor one or many student veterans. To register,

visit: runsignup.com/Race/CA/Livermore/22for22WalkforVets.

Funds raised will support mental health services and support for Las Positas College student Veterans and services provided by the Pleasanton Military Families organization. This year due to COVID-19, we have converted the on campus event to a virtual event, ending on Veterans Day. The format of the 2.2 For 22 Walk for Vets is divided in various virtual challenges with no particular location requirement. The challenges are focused around completing a physical act for the purpose of honoring veterans and their realities, or on connection and practicing mindfulness as a way to foster community and improve mental health in our society.

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 500 veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists/guard, and Veterans family members were enrolled at the college. Support services of the LPC Veteran First Program include a full-time support team, priority registration, Veterans scholarships, a text book loan program, work-study program, relief fund for Veterans, an active Student Veterans Organization, virtual Veterans Resource Center, and many other services and programs for all those who served, are currently serving, and military family members. For more information, visit: <u>laspositascollege.edu/veterans</u>.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Tri-Valley support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through, to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate your joys. For more information, please visit: www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org/

We appreciate your support!

Veterans First Program

Las Positas College

<u>Appointments:</u> <u>http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/requesting_an_appointment</u> .php

Virtual Reception Desk: Online Zoom Meeting ID: 885 1925 8951 (*Password: veterans*)

LPC Email: LPCVeteransFirst@laspositascollege.edu

Items from the Audience

From: Cyn Ramirez

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:42 PM To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org> Subject: public comment-- South County

What is Robert Rickman hiding about the South County? Why the sudden rush to appoint the interm executive director as the permanent executive director?

Is Mayor Rickman trying to pull a fast one and support his ally and friend?

As a taxpayer whose taxes help fund this JPA, it's my right to know if the executive director position was ever advertised, Where was advertised, and who else may have applied.

If there are no answers to any of these questions, the Former Board Chair and the Executive Director must be held accountable.

Democracy dies in the dark.

Jacy Krogh

It is disappointing, yet again, that the City is behind the curve on a quality of life issue. This time it is the shared mobility devices (SMDs), or scooters, that have magically appeared in the city recently. The SMDs have already made their way in to residential neighborhoods long from where they were dropped off. It doesn't take one long before you observe someone riding an SMD in violation of the terms of service and the vehicle code.

SMDs have plagued California cities for a few years now. Jurisdictions large and small passed ordinances to regulate or ban the devices after this same tactic was employed by companies in their cities. Why did Tracy not get ahead of this? This is the latest in the city having to play catch up. Need we remind people how long it has taken the city to have a cannabis ordinance?

While there may be advantages to allowing SMDs in the city, there also needs to be regulation and a mechanism for compliance. Absent that, the issues that arise will likely compound and the city will have lost control when it could have had it in the first place. Assembly Bill 1286 takes effect next year and will require these SMD companies obtain permits and otherwise work with cities, but that may be too late before damage is done to persons or property that the city could have prevented.

Hopefully in the future we can have a proactive city instead of a reactive one.

My name is Wayne Templeton. I live Tracy. I am a Board Member of Tracy Community Connections Center.

Tracy Community Connections Center has worked with the City for more than two years to;

1. Produce a Homelessness Strategic Plan

2. Declare a Crisis and Shelter Emergency

3. Provide a Temporary Shelter for Our Homeless Population

We want to applaud the hard work and tenacity of the Council Persons and City Staff that have contributed to bringing these three goals to fruition. We support and strongly urge the council to approve Item 3D of the regular agenda.

3.D. DISPENSE WITH PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENCY ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THE COUNCIL'S SHELTER CRISIS DECLARATION TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR TRACY'S UNSHELTERED ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 500 W. ARBOR ROAD INCLUDING THE PROCUREMENT AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS AND EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES 3.E. UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE DESIGN AN From: Brandi Marotta Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 9:15 AM To: Public Comment <<u>publiccomment@cityoftracy.org</u>> Subject: Agenda item 3E - Oct 20 Council Meeting

I was one of the many residents who voted for Measure V back in 2016 to fund amenities such as the Aquatic Center. It has been 4 years since Measure V funds have been introduced, yet no substantial progress has been made. The land sits vacant while our youth grow older, families have moved, money is being spent elsewhere, and precious time is being wasted.

We ask that you bring back the aquatic center phasing plan and approve a fully built Aquatic Center. No more delays. The residents of Tracy have waited long enough.

Thank you for your time,

Brandi Marotta

Mayor Rickman, Mayor Pro Temp Young and Council Members Arriola, Ransom and Vargas

I am writing to you regarding tonight's agenda item 3E, an update regarding the status of the design and construction of the Aquatic Center. I understand that the staff reports no action or direction on the Aquatic Center will be requested tonight and this agenda item is informational only. However, there is no reason the phasing plan of the project cannot come before the Council on another date. The issue of phasing and appropriating Measure V funds remains relevant when discussing the process of moving the Aquatic Center forward.

The public has been waiting for far too many years. The need for an Aquatic Center has not lessened with our growing population. Continue to make progress on this project and affirm your commitment to bring amenities to Tracy for the use and enjoyment of our residents.

Sincerely,

Marsha McCray

From: Sandi Taylor To: "<u>publiccomment@cityoftracy.org</u>" <<u>publiccomment@cityoftracy.org</u>> Date: 10/20/2020 12:25 PM Subject: Item 3.E

Mayor Rickman and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment tonight.

We as a community have done everything possible to move the Aquatic Center project forward for over fifteen years. During that time, we have done everything Council has asked us to do and now is the time to move forward on the phasing plan. There is great value in approving the phasing plan while staff fixes the issues before them. If we continue to kick the can down the road, project costs will continue to escalate and we cannot afford or allow that to happen. This project has been vetted more than any other and our community has waited patiently. Now is the time to make it happen!

I strongly ask the Council to bring back phasing plan options so a decision can be made on the best way to sequence the project so we can move forward on this greatly desired amenity.

Thank you for your time, Sandi Taylor

From: Todd Lieberg Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 5:12 AM To: Public Comment <<u>publiccomment@cityoftracy.org</u>> Subject: Tracy City Council Meeting 10/20/2020 - item 3.E.

Good evening. My name is Todd Lieberg. I'm a Tracy resident, and a longtime supporter of an Aquatic Center. Thank you for your continuing interest in an Aquatic Center.

I do support an Aquatic Center. However, in light of the Mitracos v. Tracy court case, it appears that the existing plan to have Surland construct the Aquatic Center may be in doubt. It appears that Surland has benefited in the form of hundreds of existing homes sold, but the City has not benefited from the Agreement. Specifically, there is no Aquatic Center! Also, the City is owed \$8 Million from Surland, but has not collected. The missing \$8 Million will supposedly be "paid" in the form of design fees. In addition, the City has not yet formally taken ownership of the 16 acres of land where the Aquatic Center is to be built.

I urge the Council to immediately move forward on an Aquatic Center that is City owned, City designed, and within the budget of the City. I urge the Council to <u>**not**</u> appeal the Mitracos court case. This project has taken too long, and appeals will only further delay an Aquatic Center.

The City should renegotiate the Surland agreement to immediately collect the missing \$8 Million as cash, not design fees, and should immediately take ownership of the 16 acres of land. Finally, the City should immediately utilize existing funds to design and build an Aquatic Center that is within budget, and that would benefit all Tracy residents.

Todd Lieberg