

Line in the Sand

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Subject: Moving the Goal Post - City Manager Position



City Manager Update

Dear Constituents,

Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from the city clerk notifying me that a special meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday for the purpose of conducting interviews for our city manager. In case you were not aware of it, last Monday we spent the entire day interviewing seven (7) candidates for this position. At the conclusion of the interviews, we selected three finalists and set the date of August 13 for the final interviews. I questioned the city clerk as to why the date is being moved up; I received a very evasive answer.

I just want you to know that I have no idea what is taking place here, but I am very suspect as to why the planned timeline for these interviews was changed from August 13 to Monday. My fear is that what is taking place here is a repeat of what the council majority did to Dave; I believe that the council majority has identified a candidate they want in the position, and they are moving forward on this without having provided any explanation to the entire council.

I have no control over what is taking place, nor what took place regarding Dave's

firing by the council majority. However, I will do my best on Monday to ensure that the finalist for the position is qualified. Two out of the three finalists that will be interviewed on Monday are outstanding. The third is not, however, I fear that this candidate may be the council majority's favored candidate, and to be honest with you, I am losing sleep, as well as quite disturbed about this possibility. So, to help me out with this situation, and to try and have some influence on the council majority, if you can possibly arrange to be at the Council Meeting on Monday morning, 9:00 a.m., City Hall, and make your concerns known to the council majority during the public comments portion of the meeting (it will be right at first), you would be helping me out a great deal. Even though the council majority clearly ignores community input and moves forward with their own agenda, just a large group of people attending this meeting, and some of you coming to the microphone to encourage the council to select the best qualified candidate, may have an effect on the final decision. I NEED HELP on this one and sincerely hope that you can attend. I'm all by myself up there, and it is difficult to protect the community from what this council majority is doing to our beloved city!

With Appreciation,
Jeff

Sincerely,

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