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Hello,

We are forwarding a public comment for the Council Meeting.

Thank you,

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I am commenting publicly regarding Steve Napolitano's pending appointment as city manager, replacing Suja Lowenthal.

Steve Neapolitan is a former city council member. He has no municipal leadership experience only city council experience. And he has not been interviewed at all. To hire him with no interview is not in keeping with transparency or qualifications for the role.

In full transparency- interview escalate of candidates before you bring in someone who may cost the city in the Long term.

Thanks, Catherine Vernon

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Hello Mr. Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

The word transparency has been used so much lately but I'm starting to feel like it's lost its meaning.

I'm relieved this item is on the open session agenda. Thank you for that. After everything that's happened in the last month, we are craving transparency. We are craving an honest conversation with intentions and opinions on display. To have that honest conversation, I believe you need to keep Joe SanClemente as interim city manager. If that doesn't fit, please find someone who is qualified to serve on a temporary basis. I believe it is of the utmost importance to conduct a proper, well vetted search for our next city manager. That doesn't mean it won't be Steve if he is the most qualified for the job. But it gives council an easy out to do it this way and the residents will never know if he's the best fit for the job. It will be safe to assume it was the easiest and most expedited way to pick a new city manager but that won't necessarily give us the confidence it's the best person to run our city.

Please take careful, deliberate time and thought and care in deciding who will earn the position of city manager. We all deserve that from you.

We are so lucky in this city because so many people are engaged and have opinions. When the council chamber is full that is a vivid indicator that this matters to the residents. When the room is full sometimes that is all it takes to convey an opinion and I hope you take it as such.

Unfortunately, I can't be there in person tonight but, like so many, I care and am paying attention to what happens tonight. Please consider the weight of the decision in front of you and how it will impact our city moving forward.

Respectfully,
Traci Horowitz

Sent from my iPhone