

Dear Mayor Henry and Council:

June 26, 2017, the date of a Special Council Meeting replacing the normal date of June 28, 2017, may become a memorable day in Cathedral City Council history. At least two vitally important items are on the agenda. All your strength of character and decency will be called upon to make the proper decisions on both of these vital issues. I do not envy you.

First, and most distasteful for you, is the decision you must make in all consciousness, exhibiting the foremost desire that each of you holds in your hearts to righteously serve every resident of our fine city, and to exercise the only decent choice that you have. That of course is the appointment, or not, of our city commissioners from among many fine applicants; and the consideration of possible removal of a commissioner whose term is not yet completed.

I will cut to the chase. Commissioner Alan Carvalho is re-applying to retain his seat on the Public Arts Commission. I suggest to you that this person is not a suitable candidate and should not be considered for re-appointment. He has continuously vilified; insulted; and ridiculed residents on social media and in private emails with hate and venom; accusations; intimidations; and even threatening words and gestures actually in council! I personally know people who will not attend any city sponsored meetings or events because Alan will be there and they do not want to encounter his foolishness. I have two private emails from Carvalho wherein he was particularly vitriolic to me. Shall I send them to you? There is also a post on his social hate page (Anti-CCNAG) wherein he re-posted a comment of mine from another social media page and called me a racist just out of the blue. Shall I send that to you? Alan Carvalho has violated his ethics training, if he took the course.

I say to Councilman Kaplan that you should recuse yourself from the vote on this person. I further beg, that if Councilman Kaplan will not in decency, recuse himself, that another councilperson please make the motion that Kaplan is recused. You all know that it is the right thing to do. As we all know he is a close family relation of Commissioner Carvalho, and should not be voting on his appointment, in the first place.

On the second vital item on the agenda - the first public hearing for the Districting decision to be made in September - I ask you to please only consider districts that will keep neighborhoods together with a single council person. Neighborhoods that are contingent and contiguous, that have always considered themselves a "neighborhood", with the same problems and/or successes. Please do not fall prey to the ridiculous hype that a neighborhood could have two council people instead of just one. That is divisive and similar neighborhoods need to be kept together for their voting power. Otherwise you are trying to divide the voting power. Specifically for the Cove area of which I am a member - one of the first maps submitted (by councilman Kaplan) conveniently separated the cove into two districts and is a prime example of gerrymandering to keep two council people in place. That of course is illegal and cannot possibly be considered.

My last, but not least, concern - there is a commissioner in place who is not up for re-appointment, but who must be removed from the seat. Tim Parrott made a comment on the same Anti-CCNAG page administered by Alan Carvalho that was the utmost vilification of three stellar, actively involved, female residents of the city. Shall I send it to you? His position as a Commissioner of Cathedral City cannot continue. He has violated his ethics training course, if he took it. I beg that the council remove him as soon as possible. In the same week his picture appeared in the Cathedral City Newsletter of June 15,

2017, awarding a young female DATA student. I wonder what her parents would think if they were able to view what vileness Parrott can and has expressed against women?

Thank you for reading this lengthy letter.

Tracy Martinez, will you please make this part of the record of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2017.  
Thank you.

Kathleen Patterson