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I sent this email to Buscaino on March 24th. I never received a response so now I will send directly to the Board, April 05, 2017.

Re: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Councilman Buscaino, we met six years ago, when you honored me at my ribbon cutting for RGI Insurance Services on 7th St. Five years ago, I moved my office to the Browns Bros. Building. For the last twenty years, my family and I have enjoyed our residence in the Holy Trinity area.

The purpose of this letter to share the feedback I received from members of our Neighborhood/Community regarding this month's Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's meeting at POLA. The shared perceptions addressed the behavior and direction of the Board. For example, the President of the Board is not familiar with the Roberts Rules of Order and Council bylaws and therefore is leading the meetings by "personal agenda and finger pointing," allowing the creation of an ad hoc committee for "special interests" and allocating monies to "special interests." The Board is split and in conflict.

March's meeting addressed an opening on the board. Three individuals showed interest for the position. Two of the three individuals are long-time residents who are community advocates, and small business owners. The third individual has been in the community for less than three months. He is the new Board member, and we now have an ad hoc LGBT committee. The Board has shifted from serving "diversity" to a "special interest group." A precedence has been set. Why?

I am a person of diversity with multiple special interests. As you know I am small business owner and resident, I am also a Woman, a Senior, an American- Mexican, Catholic Christian, Pro-Life, College Educated (BS in Business Administration), and I'm Straight. Multiple ad hoc committee opportunities here.

I have done some research on the demographics of our neighborhood/community, Data shows that in the zip code 90731, fifty per-cent of the population are Latinos/Hispanics. On the average, eighty-two per-cent of the children in the same zip code (and 90732) schools are Latinos/Hispanics. Do you have the statistics for Latino/Hispanic small businesses? My business is located where there are six offices in a row, five out of six are owned by Straight American/Mexican Women. Overall the LGBT is less than one per-cent of our community

Per Crime Overview for 90731 zip code, “violent crimes on a scale of 1(low crime) to 100 “is 66.” Violent crime is composed of four offenses, murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.” Also, property crime on the same “scale is 69.” “Property crime includes, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.” These crime statistics impact our diverse community, not just Straight and/or LGBT.

Let us remove ad hoc committees that serve self-interests and let us stand united as a diverse neighborhood/community with shared values and concerns.

Respectfully,

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