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City Council of the City of Napa
Special Meeting

May 26, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

4. CLOSED SESSION:

- 4.A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6):** City designated representatives: Steve Potter, Fran Robustelli, Bret Prebula, Liz Habkirk, and Michael Barrett. Employee organizations: Napa City Firefighters Association; Napa Police Officer's Association; Napa City Employee's Association; Napa City Part Time Temporary Employees Unit; Napa Chief Fire Officers; Mid Management Unit of the Napa Police Officer's Association; and Administrative, Managerial and Professional Employees.
- Email from Chino Yip received on May 20, 2020.

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DURING THE MEETING.***

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget cuts
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:50:47 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chino Yip [REDACTED]
Subject: Budget cuts
Date: May 20, 2020 at 4:15:44 PM PDT
To: mlueros@cityofnapa.org

[EXTERNAL]

Hello Mary Lueros

I read about the budget cuts and was shocked to hear Parks and Rec could possibly lose half of their staff. I feel a need to express my concern as a local who depends on Napa Parks and Rec for so much. And I'm only referring to their parks-not all the recreation (including the Senior Center) or their activities that have helped downtown thrive BC. (Before Covid).

We all know how important public parks are to the health and well being of locals and visitors, both mentally and physically. What some may **not** know is how devastating a filthy and littered park is to its locals. Many don't think about the impression left on tourists' mind while visiting Napa local parks.

I worked for the Napa County Open Space District for the last 13 years, and during that time I worked and volunteered with the City Parks and Rec folks at Westwood Hills with weed management and trail maintenance. This has allowed me to witness just how dedicated and hard working these Park and Rec employees are-despite being understaffed.

As outreach coordinator with the Open Space District, I fielded many calls, texts and emails from both locals and tourists complimenting on the cleanliness of our parks. I was also made aware of downed trees, trail erosion, homeless encampments and garbage in parking lots. These calls need to be answered immediately. Without adequate staff, who will address these issues?

Just my 2 cents and my plea to please reconsider putting Parks and Rec on the chopping block. I think we **all** agree that this pandemic has demonstrated how important our parks and open spaces are for our community.

Sincerely

Chino Yip