



CITY OF NAPA

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MEETING MINUTES - Draft

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Liz Alessio
Councilmember Mary Luros
Councilmember Bernie Narvaez
Councilmember Beth Painter

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

3:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

3:30 PM Afternoon Session
No Evening Session

In order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City conducted this meeting as a teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-63-20.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:33 P.M.**1.A. Roll Call:**

Present: 5 - Councilmember Luros, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Alessio, and Mayor Sedgley

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 5.A.: Emails submitted from three anonymous senders and Colleen Chelser.

Item 5.B.:

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.
- Emails submitted from David Campbell on behalf of the Steering Committee for the Napa County Progressive Alliance, and Keri Akemi-Bezayiff.

(Copies of all submitted documents are included in Attachment 1)

Prior to calling for public comment, Mayor Sedgley and City Manager Potter welcomed, and introduced, Interim Police Chief Sylvia Moir. Chief Moir expressed her gratitude in joining the City of Napa team and provided remarks.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**4. CONSENT CALENDAR:****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Luros, seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Luros, Narvaez, Painter, Alessio, and Sedgley

4.A. [71-2021](#) Emergency Shoring and Excavation for the 36-inch Water Transmission Main Leak Repair

Determined there was a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement contracts for the 36-inch water transmission main leak repair and determine that the actions authorized by this item are exempt from CEQA.

4.B. [77-2021](#) On-call Agreement for Emergency Shoring and Excavation Services

Authorized the Utilities Director to execute an on-call contract with M.A. McClish Excavating, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 each fiscal year, for five years, for a total of up to \$1,000,000 for emergency shoring and excavation services in support of water transmission main leak repairs, and determine this action is exempt from CEQA.

4.C. [58-2021](#) Vineyard Park Area Concrete Repair Project

Adopted Resolution R2021-013 (1) authorizing the Public Works Director to award and execute a construction contract to Ghilotti Bros., Inc. for the Vineyard Park Area Concrete Repair Project (PWPINOTSW) in the bid amount of \$920,703.25; (2) authorizing the Public Works Director to approve contract amendments and charges for project services up to a total amount not to exceed \$1,097,773.25; (3) approving the deobligation of \$986,233.07 of SB1 Road Maintenance & Rehab funds by canceling two SB1 Road Maintenance Projects; (4) approving an increase of \$1,097,773.25 to the Sidewalk Program Improvement Fund expenditure budget from the SB1 Road Maintenance & Rehab Fund Undesignated Fund balance, as documented in Budget Adjustment No. BE2103503; and (5) determining that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA.

Enactment No: R2021-013

4.D. [70-2021](#) Classification Plan for Assistant and Associate Planner in the Community Development Department

Adopted Resolution R2021-014 approving the Classification Specifications for Assistant and Associate Planner; and amending the Budget Staffing Plan by adding flexible allocations to the Community Development Department for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Enactment No: R2021-014

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**5.A.** [81-2021](#) Gray Haven Residential Community Care Facility Update

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Community Development Director Vin Smith provided the informational report.

Mayor Sedgley brought the discussion back to Council; comments and questions ensued. Community Development Director Smith responded to Council questions regarding number of existing care facilities in the City and provided clarification regarding the process and the format of the proposed community meeting.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment.

Staff read three emailed comments submitted by anonymous senders, and one comment submitted by Lon Gallagher, that shared various concerns regarding the facility.

5.B. [51-2021](#) City's Equity Initiatives

Michael Walker, Senior Planner, MJ Tueros, Acting Human Resources Director, and Stephanie Cajina, Development Specialist - Economic Development, who participated via video conference, provided the report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment.

Staff read submitted email comment from David Campbell, resident, on behalf of the Steering Committee for the Napa County Progressive Alliance, regarding annexations.

Gary Orton, resident, provided comment via telephone - renewed his request to take action on annexation of the larger County islands.

Mayor Sedgley brought the discussion back to Council; Council comments ensued.

5.C. [23-2021](#)**Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

City Manager Potter provided the report which included an update on COVID-19 case numbers as well as the number of vaccines and tests that had been administered. He also shared that on February 26, 2021 he signed a letter to Congress in support of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which could bring additional financial assistance to the City, local businesses, and residents.

Mayor Sedgley brought the discussion back to Council; brief Council comments ensued.

There were no requests from the public to comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Alessio, seconded by Councilmember Narvaez, to continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency authorizing the City Manager to take actions necessary to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and ratify actions taken by the City Manager in implementation of the Proclamation of Local Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Luros, Narvaez, Painter, Alessio, and Sedgley

6. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Painter acknowledged a letter received on February 16, 2021 from Robert Jordan regarding the Napa Farmer's Market. She shared that the continued sustainability and success of the Farmer's Market was a high priority for her and she sought council support to agendize a future discussion in response to the letter. Brief Council discussion ensued. By general consensus, Council agreed, and asked that City Manager Potter work with staff to provide an update on the Cinedome site, the current Farmer's Market location, in a future weekly update.

Mayor Sedgley thanked Council for distributing pies to community members on February 20, 2021 and responding so quickly to the request from Buster's Barbecue & Bakery. He also suggested the City Council create a team to participate in the Vine Trail Napa Valley's "Month of Movement Challenge."

7. CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Barrett announced the closed session item.

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 4:42 P.M.

- 7.A.** [85-2021](#) • CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Napa Superior Court Case No.
20CV001342.

8. REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.; there was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 5:25 P.M.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting**

March 2, 2021

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.A. Gray Haven Residential Community Care Facility Update

- 1) Email from Colleen Chesler received on February 22, 2021.
- 2) Letter from Anonymous received on February 23, 2021. *
- 3) Email from a Concerned Homeowner received on March 1, 2021. *
- 4) Email from a Concerned Neighbor received on March 2, 2021. *

5.B. City's Equities Initiatives

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.
- 1) Email from David Campbell, on behalf of the Steering Committee for the Napa County Progressive Alliance, received on March 2, 2021. *
- 2) Email from Keri Akemi-Bezayiff received on March 2, 2021.

SUBMITTED DURING OR AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.A. Gray Haven Residential Community Care Facility Update

- 1) Email from Lon Gallagher received on March 2, 2021. *
- 2) Email from Martin Schneider received on March 2, 2021.
- 3) Email from Martin Schneider received on March 2, 2021.

5.B. City's Equities Initiatives

- 1) Email from Gary Orton received on March 2, 2021.

****EMAIL OR HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF
DURING THE MEETING.***

From: [Colleen Chesler](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Halfway house in historic Napa
Date: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:41:29 PM

[You don't often get email from [REDACTED] Learn why this is important at <http://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>.]

[EXTERNAL]

Council persons, I am writing to request a public hearing on the opening of a halfway house for the incarcerated folks being released into our neighborhood.

I celebrate my tenth year here in Napa next month. I am a single lady and I take care of my 83 year oldmother. She's celebrating five years in Napa.

We don't want to live looking over our shoulders wondering about folks walking our streets wondering , if this is one of them.

Our police and first responders are already burdened with the task of responding to calls of homeless folks and crazy, drugged out people.

This is our home and we chose to live here because of the quiet laid back feel. This will negatively impact our quality of life and our sense of security.

I have a five year older grandson who loves the play ground at fuller Park. I won't feel that an adult will be safe there; let alone a child.

Please reconsider this decision within the Residential areas City of Napa.

Why not try it at the property of the State Hospital?

With best regards,
Colleen Chesler

Comment to Council
500 words. 3/2/21
Please Read
ATTACHMENT 1

CITY OF NAPA
CITY CLERK
To the City Council:

2021 FEB 23 PM 2:27
I apologize for submitting these comments regarding Gray Haven anonymously. As you know, one of the first persons to publicly question the Gray Haven facility received a threatening text. I want to avoid that.

If you have done some follow-up after the last city council meeting, you now know that the Gray Haven operators seek to help mentally ill former inmates. They ultimately plan to house up to 30 formerly incarcerated persons with serious mental illnesses and, additionally, they plan to serve an unknown numbers of outpatients fitting the same criteria: both a history of incarceration and serious mental illness.

The Gray Haven project presents a choice for the City Council. It is an example of wealthy people pursuing their goals, however laudable some may find them, without regard for how their project will impact others.

Gray Haven is on the same grounds as the Fuller Garden Apartments, with dozens of low- and moderate-income families. Apparently, the Gray Haven folks think these people don't really matter. Maybe the Gray Haven people thought that since the apartment folks are just renters, they can simply move. They apparently don't know that some of the tenants have lived there for 20 years. It is home. But, for the Gray Haven operators, these people did not deserve the courtesy of a head's up that soon they would be living a dozen steps away from a facility catering to mentally ill former inmates who will be free to explore the neighborhood. (They are former, not current, inmates and free to come and go as they wish.) Other apartments, such as the Bali Hai, are across the street as are a number of single-family homes.

It seems that the neighborhood matters little to the Gray Haven funders and operators. Executive Director Patricia Gray was quoted in the Napa Register as dismissively saying: "No neighborhood is free from crime or vandalism" Gray's uncaring attitude to introducing a population of former inmates into our neighborhood was shocking. Notably, this is not her neighborhood. She apparently lives in Sonoma.

Wealthy people have every right to pursue a passion. They have the right to create a first of its kind facility with no track record for success or safety. They have the right to put their money into a kind of vanity project historic home rather than put their money into services and programs. They have the right to try and get state and local subsidies.

WE have the right to expect you to represent us, the long-time residents of this neighborhood. Please do not cave into pressure from wealthy funders who made a bad business decision and have disregarded the residents of this neighborhood. Please say no to any expansion of this facility. Say no to an outpatient clinic drawing in more mentally ill former inmates just a block from Fuller Park and Shearer School. Say no to Gray Haven in this location. Say yes to us.

Respectfully,

A Concerned Neighbor

From: [Maus Fish](#)
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:54 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR (3/2/21. Agenda item 5.A. [Staff Report 81-2021]) – PLEASE READ

Categories: Unverified Contact

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

[Feedback](#)

[EXTERNAL]

To the City Council:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Gray Haven mental health complex being planned by Patricia Gray. While her passion for helping mentally ill former inmates is perhaps admirable, her judgment in proposing this location is clearly not. Its proximity to Fuller Park/playground and three (3) schools (Shearer Elementary School, at 1590 Elm Street; Napa Christian Campus of Education, at 2201 Pine Street; and Fuller Park Head Start Center, at 1704 Laurel Street), creates safety concerns, and has already been documented.

Gray Haven apparently has a right to house up to six mentally ill former inmates after receiving a license from the state. The Gray Haven group plans to seek approval to house 30 mentally ill former inmates, and to also offer "outpatient services" to an unspecified number of additional former inmates.

On February 19th, Patricia Gray sent a letter defending her plans to property owners located close to the Eliza G. Yount House at 423 Seminary. However, this letter was not sent to the apartment residents who live in the shadow of the house, nor to homeowners beyond the immediate area. The letter stated that she had no obligation to inform the neighbors of her plans to create a "residential facility" for the formerly incarcerated, and that mentally ill former inmates deserve compassion as disabled people.

The letter disingenuously stated that research shows that "residential facilities" have no impact on crime or on property values. The term "residential facility" was carefully chosen, and is deliberately misleading as it is too broad. For example, it includes such facilities as senior citizen care homes. But Gray Haven classifies itself as a "Mental Health Clinic." Therefore, it would be far more relevant to look at the impact on property values of "mental health clinics or halfway houses that support mentally ill former inmates." I doubt there is any research on that.

However, it does not take research - just a little common sense - to understand that a campus of 30 residential, mentally ill former inmates will clearly hurt property values. I believe that local realtors would tell you that property values near hospitals, cemeteries, mental health clinics or halfway houses, etc. are always lower than those of similar properties a few blocks away.

It gets worse. Who would pay for this? Gray and her group plan to use Napa county Medi-Cal funds to subsidize their project. This means that taxpayers - including me and you - would be helping fund a project that would diminish our own property values.

Gray Haven has been made aware that the City's residential zoning districts do not allow outpatient clinics, but its website still talks about providing "outpatient services." Please do not allow Gray Haven to expand beyond six residents or to provide outpatient services to non-residents.

Many Napa homeowners would like to hear the City Council's response to this.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Homeowner

To the City Council:

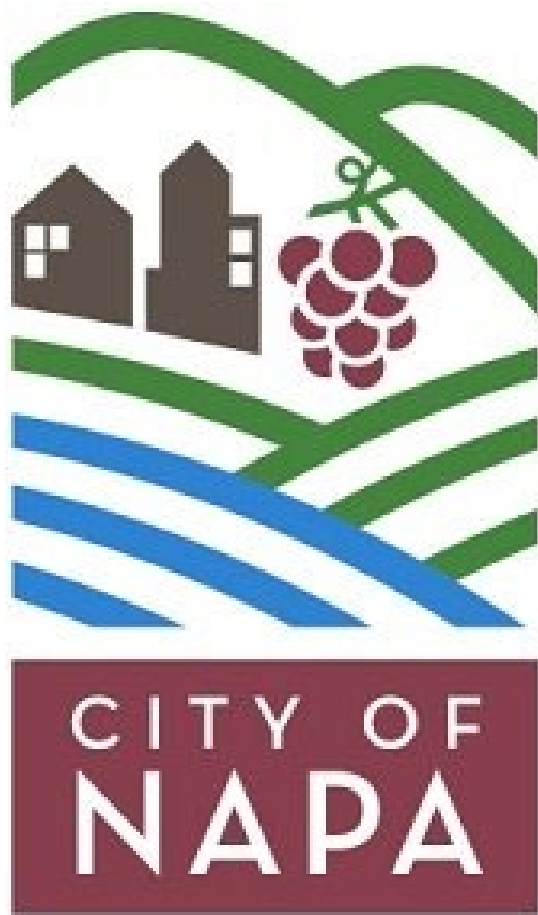
I read the Staff's report regarding "Gray Haven," which is a proposed 30 bed mental health clinic designed to treat former inmates upon their release from jail. Gray Haven apparently has state authorization to operate with no more than 6 beds right now. The large 30-bed operation which would resemble a rehab facility or hospital more than a residence, would be located in our residential neighborhood near Shearer School. As others have already said, any expansion in this location beyond the 6-bed allowance should be rejected by the city.

I appreciate the Staff providing their report regarding Gray Haven, but I am puzzled about the plan for City of Napa staff to assist Patricia Gray in organizing and conducting a community meeting. Gray could have conducted such a meeting at any time, but has asserted in writing that she had no obligation (and apparently therefore no willingness) to meet with the community in advance. Having a joint meeting with the staff just adds legitimacy to her expansion plans. It gives the impression that the City has already determined that an expanded treatment facility for mentally ill former inmates in a residential neighborhood and next to Shearer School and Fuller Park is good idea.

City staff should not be put in a position of having to mediate between the neighbors and Gray Haven's owners and operators: Patricia Gray and Luis Nieves. Since the staff has already met with Patricia Gray, perhaps the best thing to do if the staff wants to perform community outreach is to meet with the neighbors separately as well.

Thank you,

A Concerned Neighbor



Council Update 3/2/2021
City of Napa
Equity Framework
Update

Presentation Outline

Overview of Equity Initiative

Building Organizational Equity
Framework

Building Community Equity
Framework

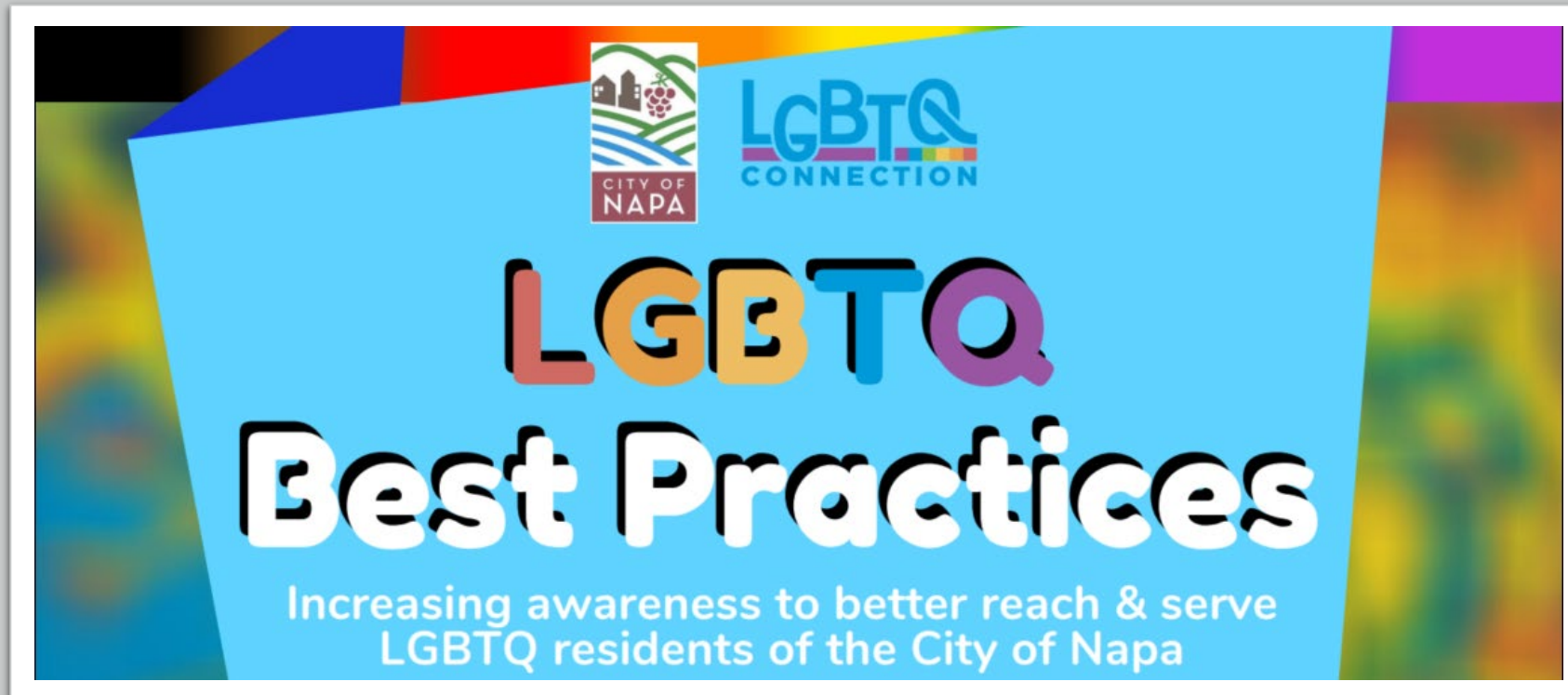
Questions

Overview of Equity Initiative



- Resolution on Discrimination and Systemic Racism (On September 15, 2020)
- Two teams to address discrimination and systemic racism in our workplace and greater community.
- National League of Cities: Cities of Opportunity Program 2019





Building Organizational Equity Framework

- LGBTQ Connection - 2020
 - ✓ Two training cohorts completed in Fall
- More training offerings to be scheduled - 2021

Building Organizational Equity Framework



Phase 1 - Roll Out & Kick Off - Q1/Q2

- ✓ DEI Foundations with E-Team
- ✓ Town Hall Kick-off
- ✓ Launch Workplace Bias & Discrimination Survey

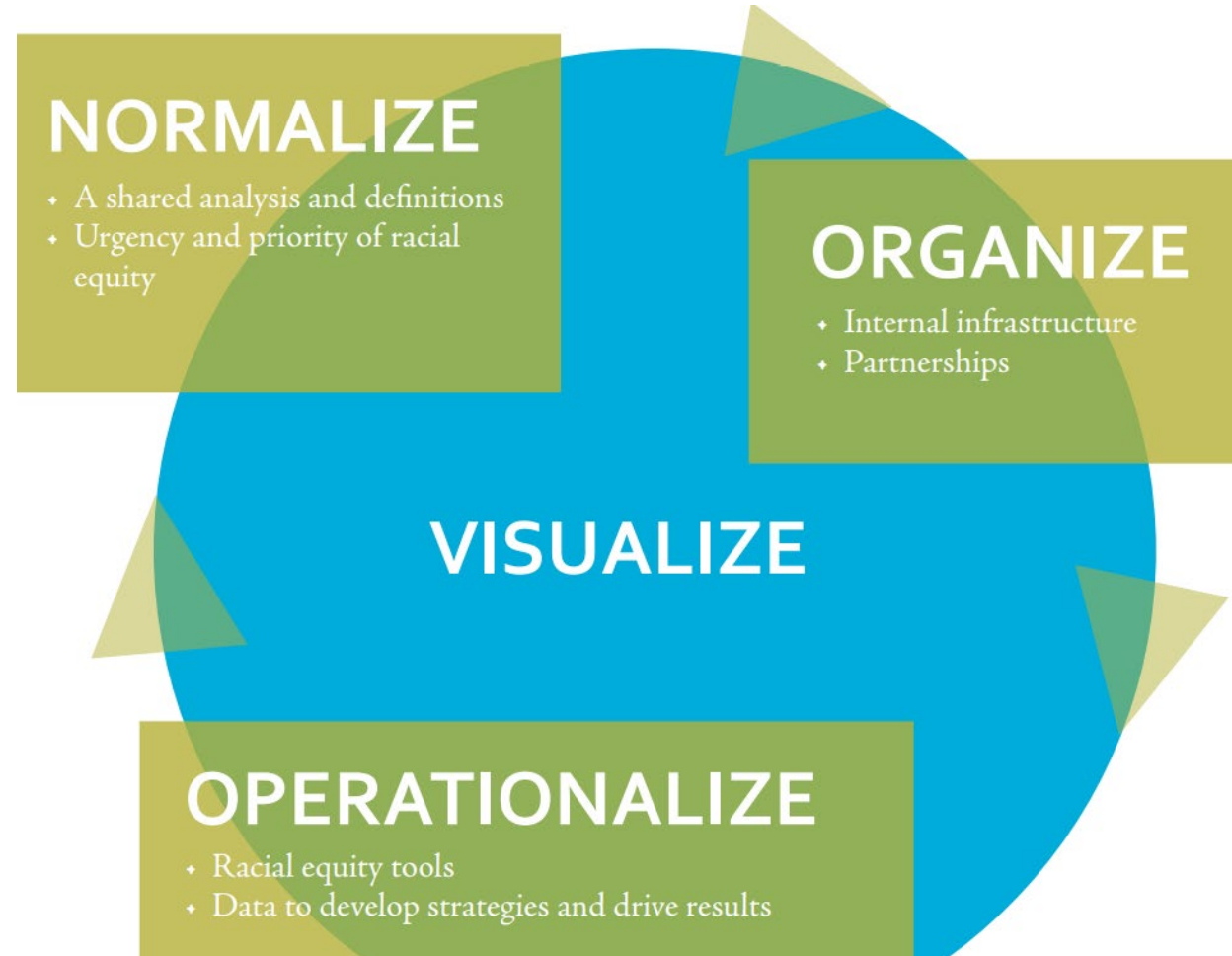
Phase 2 - Survey & Data Analysis - Q2

- ✓ E-Team Data Analysis Workshop
- ✓ DEI Policy, System Review Coaching

Phase 3 - Diversity Uncovered - Q2/Q3

- ✓ Employee Training

Building Community Equity Framework: Approach





Building Community Equity Framework

Focused Conversations on Equity

Culturally competent community meetings with the following community stakeholder groups:

- Latinx
- Asian
- Black
- LGBTQIA



Building Community Equity Framework

GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity)

GARE is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

Benefits of GARE partnership:

- GARE Core Membership program
- Member-only race and equity trainings
- Ongoing support from GARE staff on how to operationalize equity



LOCAL AND REGIONAL
GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON
RACE & EQUITY



Building Community Equity Framework

Phase 1 Timeline

Month	Activity
February - March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure NLC Funding • Enroll in GARE • Identify Facilitator • Engage Trusted Advisors • Schedule Focused Conversations
March-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Focused Conversations
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize Findings and Draft Report
Q2-Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify community stakeholders who will be participating in GARE training with City staff • Report Phase 1 Outcomes to City Council



Questions?

From: [David Campbell](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - MARCH 2, 2021 - AGENDA ITEM 5B - PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:04:36 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Good afternoon councilmembers,

As you discuss the implementation of the very important council resolution on Discrimination and Systemic Racism, you should be guided by the ancient proverb, “physician heal thyself”. The City of Napa has at least 13 gaping wounds that must be healed before city council can even come close claiming that they are doing their utmost to curb systemic racism. I speak of course of the shame of failing to annex the county islands that are within, or largely within, the city boundaries.

Systemic racism isn’t your garden variety overt hatred towards other racial and ethnic groups, though sadly, there is far too much of that in Napa as well. Rather, it is a formalized set of institutional practices and policies that place one social or ethnic group in a better position to succeed and simultaneously disadvantages other groups in a consistent manner. By failing to move forward rapidly to annex the islands in time for the residents there to be included in the upcoming realignment of city council voting districts, the City of Napa is demonstrating that it has a policy of consistently disenfranchising island residents who are overwhelmingly Latinx and Indigenous. That, is systemic racism. Overall, island residents have lower incomes, higher poverty rates and higher rates for city services when compared to those who are within city limits. That is systemic racism.

In fact, not only is the failure to act in time to include island residents in the redistricting process systemic racism, their exclusion amounts to nothing less than voter suppression. Voter suppression is the strategy of systematically discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. That is what the City of Napa is doing to the residents of the islands. To what end, no one knows – but that isn’t the point. The point is, by not creating the conditions necessary to enfranchise the island residents, Napa is engaged in voter suppression.

We have all heard that the major stumbling block to annexation is the financial impact it may have on the city; that the city wants a special arrangement with the county on the property tax split. We ask you to reflect on this; the city is mortgaging the fundamental right to vote for monetary reasons. We ask each one of you; how many dollars is the right to vote worth?

David Campbell
on behalf of the Steering Committee of the
Napa County Progressive Alliance

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always

won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall – think of it, always. **Mahatma Gandhi.**

Go Green! Think before you print.

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March 02, 2021

Good afternoon Napa City Manager, Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members,

I am reaching out to discuss ways that Napa can consider supporting social equity initiatives and uplift our entire community. As a multiracial, Native American woman, who is a small business owner, wife, mother of three children, grandma, community leader, activist and concerned citizen, who would like to contribute to ways to improve and protect our diverse community. 2020 was a year that challenged us on many levels; with escalating violence and racial tensions, that led to many tragic atrocities Nationwide. Headlines announced many migrant children being separated from families and immigrants being held in cages like concentration camps, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor were just a few names to mention out of a record 200 reported Black Lives taken to soon, and 44 Transgender lives were murdered, and an approximate 322,000 lives lost to the global COVID-19 pandemic within the United States, and because Indigenous people are under counted and underrepresented in our population, there is not enough data to accurately report the total loss to our community. Let's connect community resources and as a collaboration to support the call to action to support each other and help provide opportunities for each citizen to not just merely survive, but thrive. Many of us who are working behind the scenes and on the frontlines are advocates for our marginalized community. Let us establish a base and framework to unite together in solidarity. Thank you for your time and consideration for reviewing the following points that are significantly important to me.

Regards,

Keri Akemi-Hernandez

Essential workers & minority groups who might be at greater risk for COVID-19:

My concern is that only 12% of our population has received the COVID-19 vaccine, and 51% of Latinx community members represent the number of positive cases within Napa County. I would like to advocate through canvassing and collaboration with agencies to help get our community members registered and ultimately vaccinated.

Racial equity, Social Justice & Cultural trainings:

Here are some resources for Racial & Cultural trainings that are provided by the California Association for Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions. There are online links with virtual workshops covering a variety of topics that might be helpful to you and to recommend for City of Napa trainings.

<https://www.calbhbc.org/cultural-issues.html>

Black community needs

When we witnessed the loss of lives being brutally murdered, for all people of color, this felt like a loss of our immediate family. When law enforcement was the primary source of murder and no justice being brought for these actions continued to escalate, it united us together to protect each other, our children, women, men, and LGBTQ+ members so that no more lives would be taken. The movement is not a temporary moment to pause without action, but a time to remind ourselves that life is fragile and when we acknowledge that #BlackLivesMatter, than we are protecting those at the greatest risk to be racially profiled, impoverished, incarcerated or

unfortunately murdered. Napa is not immuned to racism and there have been local incidents of increased tensions. We need to recognize and acknowledge the local racism. We don't need one day a year to recite Martin Luther King quotes and avoid tough conversations that need to happen to improve and welcome our Black community by celebrating their Past & Present contributions.

NVUSD & Ethnic Studies

From my perspective, the Napa Valley Education Foundation provided Nonprofit Fiscal Sponsorship for the Legacy Youth Project, so the NVEF should have defined that a credentialed teacher should be included with the program initially, or when Mucetti raised questions about the program. Also, the timing of the announcement, right before High School graduation robbed students of their moment to celebrate their accomplishments and inspire the new students. It is important to understand that mentoring youth and sharing cultural traditions isn't always a formal process and there is a lot to benefit students from having access to rich ethnic studies resources from community leaders. It might not be a traditional or formal study, but this was an independent non-profit fiscally sponsored by the NVEF. It is troubling that the sole blame and fallout has directly pointed to Carlos Hedgehorn, especially with the success of the program, with 100% graduation rate for at risk students, which improves the rating for the NVUSD schools. So, we may agree to disagree with the loss of this program and the impact it has had on the students, but we can conclusions about the outcome of the Legacy Youth Project and why ultimately maybe all that was needed was to have a credentialed teacher oversee the program alongside Carlos, community leaders and parents, rather than making the program to be "illegal", wrong or inappropriate. I feel that it is hard for those who aren't from minority groups to understand the value of these types of programs. Sometimes people won't have access to a deeper dialogue, formal study or cultural awareness until they are in an undergraduate program at a university or with extensive travel. With Arts, Music, history and other public school programs continuing to be cut and our world continues to face social injustices, climate change and other global events that put us all at risk, why should we not provide students with resources to be better equipped for real life situations, to connect with community leaders that they can relate to and promote cultural visibility?

Indigenous community needs

I would like the opportunity to arrange a meeting City leaders and local Indigenous leaders to learn more about issues that are important to us and to find ways to make a positive impact and heal our community. I like the idea to consider Art, History and Cultural resources to find a way to promote a positive and accurate representation of our Indigenous community.

Finding ways to be more visible with our social equity and honor the Indigneous people to the land. The Indigenous people to Napa are the Mishewal Wappo, Patwin, and Pomo, who are Sovereign Nations of independent tribal affiliations. It is important to understand the Suscol Intertribal Council is a non-profit organization, and not the only local expert on Indigenous issues, but they do offer resources in collaboration with many Indigenous members in our community. However, you may be interested to know that there are many other resources that provides alternative resources with leaders who should be invited to the conversation as well. I would like to include other Indigenous leaders, **Sal Garcia-Pinola**, Native American Outreach

Consultant/Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing Instructor, **Beth Nelsen**, Filmmaker, **Xulio Soriano**, Executive Director with (MCUI) Movimiento Cultural de la Union Indigena; along with **Dr. Makha Blu Wakpa**, and his wife, **Dr. Tria Blu Wakpa**, who have developed a Native American curriculum to be incorporated into our K-12 curriculum and college studies.

Sal Garcia-Pinola (Coast Pomo), Native American Indian Education Outreach Coordinator with NVUSD and Native American Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing workshop Instructor.

Beth Nelsen, is an empowerment Coach, Social Activist and Nationally Acclaimed, Award-Winning Filmmaker. E. Beth Nelsen, who is currently crowdfunding on Seed & Spark to cover post production costs for her documentary Mothership, which looks at modern feminism and creating safe space for women. She balances her passion for her impact work with being a mother and partner. She is a Technological Elder and speaks on the importance of creating safe space for women and the intersectionality of social impact.

Xulio Soriano, Executive Director with MCUI, supports multicultural and multilingual recovery, traditional healing and self-care resources, as well as translation and language justice services and advocacy for indigenous communities within Sonoma and Napa Counties.

<https://movimientoculturalindigena.org/>

Dr. Makha Blu Wakpa—an enrolled citizen of the Itazipcho Lakota from The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe—is the Director of Fernandeano Tataviam’s Education & Cultural Learning Department and Pukúu Cultural Community Services’ Tutčint Youth Empowerment. In these positions, he manages \$2M of grants from the California Department of Education (CDE) and California's Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); and coordinates with city, county, and state council, Tribes, Tribal organizations, school districts, and universities. Makha holds a Ph.D. in Education and an M.A. in Native Studies from the University of Arizona, Tucson. Previously, he worked as the Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Area-organization, Sacred Sites Protection & Rights of Indigenous Tribes. Makha began his youth organizing in Seattle with Tyree Scott Freedom School and is trained by The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond. His scholarly, professional, and personal interests are in employing evidence based programs, culturally-responsive education and Indigenous language revitalization to strengthen the wellbeing of Indigenous peoples, nations, and our mother earth. Makha is married to Dr. Tria Blu Wakpa, an Assistant Professor at UCLA, and is the father of their two daughters.

Dr. Tria Blu Wakpa—joined the UCLA Department of World Arts and Cultures/Dance as an assistant professor of dance studies in 2018. She is a scholar and practitioner of Indigenous contemporary dance, North American Hand Talk (Indigenous sign language), martial arts, and yoga. Blu Wakpa’s research and teaching combines community-based, Indigenous, and feminist methodologies with critical race theories to examine the politics and practices of dance and other movement practices in educational and carceral institutions for Indigenous peoples. In addition to her appointment in WACD, Tria is involved with the American Indian Studies Center at UCLA, and has taught at public, private, tribal, and carceral institutions.

Here is a way that Marin County and the City of Novato work with the local Miwok tribe to bring a cultural Art center and community park within the heart of the downtown area. The Website has great resources, but they are temporarily closed due to COVID-19. I also interviewed them and included the short YouTube video so you can tour the center and see one of their past Art exhibits.

Marin Museum of the American Indian website:

<https://www.marinindian.com/>

My visit & cultural center tour

<https://youtu.be/9hw9BuOVJw8>

Indigenous Visibility

I would like to consider a way to update the Welcome to Napa Sign and street signs downtown to include the Indigenous Language & English, like it has been done in other communities.

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2019/03/12/new-berkeley-welcome-signs-designate-ohlone-territory/>

<https://www.npr.org/2016/09/27/495671329/street-signs-connect-modern-day-toronto-to-indigenous-history>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/education/article-ubc-adds-musqueam-language-to-street-signs-on-campus/>

Indigenous Land Tax

I would like to consider a way to incorporate Indigenous Land Tax to be held in Trust on behalf of the Indigenous people of Napa who were forcibly removed and no longer have a physical connection to the land. This would be a form of reparations to heal from the past, and help restore Federal Recognition of the present day surviving tribal members, so that the tax could help them afford to one day purchase or have land dedicated to them for cultural identity and spiritual practice. The Sogorea Te Land Trust is a local example of how it was done within the San Francisco Bay Area for the Ohlone people, and the community benefits from their visible location as well.

<https://www.liveinpractice.com/sogorea-te-land-trust>

Shuumi Land Tax

In order to financially support their goals, the Sogorea Te Land Trust has begun a project that it calls the Shuumi Land Tax (*shuumi* means "gift" in [Ohlone languages](#)^[3]), which asks non-indigenous people living on Ohlone land to pay dues for the land that they live on.^[1] The tax has no legal ramifications and no connection with the United States government or [Internal Revenue Service](#), but the organization prefers this term (as opposed to merely calling contributions [donations](#)) as it asserts indigenous [sovereignty](#).^[5] The suggested tax amount is calculated based on the would-be taxpayer's usage of the land: renters are asked to pay a small percentage of their rent, homeowners are expected to pay based on the number of rooms (for an estimated total between \$65 and \$500).^[5] Those who use the land for commercial purposes are expected to make a contribution based on the size and scale of their business.^[6]

Law Enforcement

I am writing you to ask a formal review of the Napa Police Department and Sheriff's Department budget with community collaboration to reduce funding and reallocate funding to community service needs and to implement 8 Can't wait <https://8cantwait.org/> now. Those in solidarity with looking to evaluate our local law enforcement does not mean Police will not be funded, but not we are asking that they are not overfunded. We are asking to truly evaluate the budget to redistribute the City budget to improve the quality of lives for all citizens.

As a concerned citizen, I would like to be part of the conversation to review the following:

- Review of our police use of force policies
- Engaging our community by including a diverse range of input, experiences and stories
- Reporting our findings to our community and seeking feedback
- Reforming our community's police use of force policies.

By considering defunding the Police & Sheriff's department, this is what it means:

- * Reassessing our values
- * Investing in our communities
- * Investing in our people
- * Removing law enforcement from schools
- * Evaluating protocols of resources that require police & shifting the responsibility of needs to Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers, etc.
- * Funding schools, with education specialists and counselors
- * Funding our Ethnic & Diversity programs to protect our social equity
- * Funding our hospitals and increasing funding for Mental Health Resources
- * Funding our community services
- * Funding our infrastructure

Napa Annexation & Redistricting:

The City should consider the implications that discriminatory practices of Redlining and Voter suppression for marginalized residents who live within City limits, in neighborhoods that are considered County islands, but these community members voices are not being heard and are disproportionately represented on matters that impact their lives. Due to the fact that these unincorporated neighborhoods are typically below the price of neighboring incorporated areas, typically those who can afford homes within the islands tend to represent a higher percentage of minority groups.

Annexation doesn't have the financial impact that is being argued by those who do not support this and is simply the right thing to do. Each point made to misrepresent annexation for the City Islands can be disproved with facts that will demonstrate why this recommendation should be adopted. The neighborhoods within the City limits, Linda Vista & Sister streets, as well as Shurtleff & Imola would definitely benefit from Annexation, and there are also needs for the Berryessa Highlands community, with the new proposed resort and increased development. For the Berryessa area, I would like to see a Fire Department, even if it is partially served with a

volunteer department, like in Crockett, Ca. I also have concerns regarding drinking water for residents, and to protect our watershed as well as other valuable natural resources.

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/bids.aspx?bidID=176>

https://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/napa-county-ready-to-see-berryessa-resort-redevelopers/article_341d1d78-56af-5ea9-80d9-164ee16f2e51.html

<https://firecares.org/departments/79048/crockett-carquinez-fire-department>

[Voter suppression - Wikipedia](#)

[en.wikipedia.org › wiki › Voter_suppression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voter_suppression)

Voter suppression is a strategy used to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. ... Voter suppression can be effective if a significant number of voters are intimidated or disenfranchised.

Redlining:

In the 1960s, **sociologist** John McKnight coined the term "**redlining**" to **define** the discriminatory practice of avoiding investment in communities with unfavorable or high-risk demographics, typically with large minority populations.

Redlining is the systematic denial of various services or goods by federal government agencies, local governments, or the private sector either directly or through the selective raising of prices.

The term refers to the presumed practice of **mortgage** lenders of drawing red lines around portions of a map to indicate areas or neighborhoods in which they do not want to make loans. **Redlining** on a racial basis has been held by the courts to be an illegal practice.

From: [Gallagher, Lon](#)
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:42 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Comment to be read by Council for March 2nd meeting. Gray Haven Expansion 81-2021

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Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As a parent raising a family in the downtown Napa neighborhood I am deeply concerned by the proposed expansion of the Gray Haven project.

The downtown Napa neighborhood is a neighborhood. There are families who live here – kids who play at Fuller Park and kids who go to school at Shearer Elementary School. Because of the location – next to a park and a school in a neighborhood zoned residential....I have questions about the residents who will live in this house – are there any guardrails on the types of crimes that have been committed by the residents of this home? Violent crimes? Crimes against children? Are there any guardrails put in place? We literally don't know anything about this project other than what has been reported on in the Napa Register.

There are things I like about the Gray Haven project. Preventing recidivism is a noble endeavor. But this location couldn't be worse, therefore I ask our City Council to advocate on behalf of our downtown Napa residents. Thank you for the opportunity.

Regards,
Lon

From: [Mary Luros](#)
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:31 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Gray Haven Project

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: March 2, 2021 at 4:25:40 PM PST
To: Scott Sedgley <SSedgley@cityofnapa.org>, Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>, Beth Painter <bpainter@cityofnapa.org>, Mary Luros <mluros@cityofnapa.org>
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From: hyde4us@aol.com
To: bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org <bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org>
Sent: Fri, Feb 26, 2021 4:19 pm
Subject: Gray Haven Project

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My concern with the project is not the mission or goals of the program. Rather it is the location of the project and the secrecy of the project.

I hope you are looking into the project. I hope we get a chance to meet and further discuss the merits or lack of such a project in the middle of a residential community.

Thank you,

Martin Schneider
Concerned Community Resident
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:40 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Gray Haven Project

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Dear Counselman Narvaez,

I watched Tuesday's counsel meeting. I am quite concerned that the City is working with the Gray Haven Project members. The planning of an informational meeting should be conducted by the members of the Gray Haven staff, not the City. Also during the meeting, when asked about changes to the facility, all I heard was mention of an elevator, not the fact that the construction of bungalows is in the plan. The only comments made, dealt with the wonderful work done on the restoration of the house. Also, no where in the city will your database find the population that the Gray Haven Project is proposing for the facility.

I hope to have the opportunity to talk with you at some time.

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Gary Orton](#)
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:35 PM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Written copy of verbal statement 3-2-21 CC meeting item 5.B

[EXTERNAL]

3-2-21 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 5.B, City's Equity Initiatives

Statement Delivered Verbally by Gary Orton

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Gary Orton. This afternoon, city staff seeks council direction on its proposal to conduct *focus* groups over the next six months. The purpose of this exercise, paraphrasing staff, is to *identify* and *understand* the conditions existing in the city that contribute to social-justice inequities. The report ignores the *one* condition of profound social inequity already *identified* and *understood* for over a decade. We know you and staff are aware of it, but you refuse to discuss it in public, and staff refuses to discuss it in private. Since the subject of correcting social-justice inequities is open for discussion with this agenda item, titled "City's Equity Initiatives," I renew the equity request I have made many times in the past thirteen months to this body and to Napa LAFCO Commissioners. Please take action to correct this already-identified inequity. Do so as a separate matter—above and beyond the proposed *exploratory* focus groups. I specifically request one of you make a motion this afternoon to direct staff to take the preliminary administrative steps needed to end the denial of voting rights to Napa residents living in the two county islands and having a combined population of two thousand. Annex the islands.

The corner-stone of a *healthy* democracy is the focus group called the *ballot box*. In a healthy democracy, that is the *one* focus group that counts. You know the importance of voters. Just think about your own individual focus of time, money, and effort identifying and communicating with voters. You and your predecessors have been told for over a decade by Napa LAFCO, and for over a year by a broad segment of Napa residents of all economic means and racial backgrounds, including the disadvantaged, that denying the vote to island residents is unjust. If you remain silent tonight on a long-identified—social-justice issue of the highest magnitude, you send the message that these proposed *exploratory* focus groups are more meaningless exercises and a waste of time. If there is one council member who wants to stop this injustice, simply say the following twenty-five words: "I move we direct staff to take administrative steps, separate from focus groups, that will lead to an expeditious annexation of the two largest county islands."

Thank you.