

Thank you,

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Madame Mayor and Council Members,

1. The settlement agreement with Crown Castle is tainted because Council Member Benton had a conflict of interest yet continued to participate in closed up to 20 door sessions before and after his purchase of Crown Castle stock last year. A "long-term devoted public servant with care of the community" should know better - particularly in light of the fact that Crown Castle has been at the center of one of the most heated local issues in recent memory.

Hillsborough Citizens Alliance conducted an email straw poll among 800 confirmed residents on Friday, August 7. Within two days over 100 responded. The results: 92% "Strongly Agreed" with this statement: Council Member Benton's action was a breach of public trust and the Town should take no further action regarding changes to the Town's wireless design standards or the Crown Castle settlement agreement until an independent investigation is completed. Over 50 included verbatim comments. So, if you are wondering whether or not people are angry, wonder no longer.

To repeat: the Town should take no further action regarding changes to the Town's wireless design standards or the Crown Castle settlement agreement until an independent investigation is completed

2. Three other council members (May, Chuang and Christianson) filed Form 700s but disclosed no incomes - for three straight years. The fact that neither the City Attorney nor the City Manager identified either Council Member Benton's conflict of interest or required other council members' potential non-compliance shows poor judgment. A thorough investigation by a third party is necessary not only for the failure on the part of Council Members to report incomes but also into the checks and balances missing in the process.

Council must bring in a neutral third party to conduct a thorough investigation into lack of transparency related to Council Member investments.

3. The San Mateo Journal is the newspaper of record for all of San Mateo county. Yes, they had received no notifications that this closed door meeting of the Hillsborough Town Council was taking place. In fact, they had no record of any Hillsborough Town Council announcements. It seems that the only place the Town advertises is either on the website and via email, which may or may not be sufficient. What is the procedure for notifying Hillsborough citizens of the various council meetings?

Thank you.

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