

From: kitc@sonic.net
To: [Mary Gourley](#)
Subject: policies for policing
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:34:03 PM

I believe we should have transparency in our Sebastopol police department. Would like for us to know what the bad behavior records are for our local police, and to know what punitive measures have been taken. For example, the policeman who shot Andy Lopez. It would be good for us to have information to know if we can trust our officers or not..Kit Carson



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re: city of sebastopol
30 june 2020 special meeting
police departments: codes of conduct
scope, mission, training, protocols

we see what we look for and what we think about grows.

the primary ascertain that law enforcement agencies throughout The United States are racist, possessing an inherent bias against peoples of color, gender, sexual orientation, aspects of ethnicity or whatever subset is the flavor of the week, is fundamentally untrue.

never in human history has a society [in this country, now] been more open and tolerant towards diversity in all it's gyrations. i practically feel guilty because i like to go to bed early.

what we are witnessing is emotional incontinence.

what we have are a bunch of weak white boys who are lost and uninitiated. they've marginalized themselves by not engaging in the real journey. the search for meaning in Life. they have grievance fatigue and frustration because the big lie that the world revolves around them is being exposed. the Government has no clothes.

they feel betrayed because the world isn't sufficiently kissing their ass and giving them enough free stuff. the myth of entitlement has led them down this malnourished path of ethical and moral relativism, feeding them plastic fruit. the majority of the universities are just pouring a bunch of socialist utopian horse-piss in these kids heads and dumping them in debt quicksand with useless degrees in race and gender studies. if they had just gone to trade school, all this could have been avoided.

now, they're going around, hiding their faces, destroying, rioting and looting because apparently, it's the only way they can get laid.

they're being pushed to the front of the mob by BLM, the most racist, violent, socialist group of anarchists with no ideology, who use any reason to burn and pillage because let's face it, it's what rocks them up and is the shortest, most selfish path towards material acquisition and extortion.

no race has been immune to the terror of slavery. the roots of all races are strewn with the bodies of barbarism and deprivations.

i reject this notion of ancestral shame. i reject this notion that once again, we are degenerating into the superficial realm of skin color as a justification for atrocities.

according to all statistics, the field of law enforcement is becoming more and more self-aware. they're better trained, using less lethal force and are more conscious. what we are seeing is divisive forces exploiting isolated incidents to enrich themselves and further their agenda.

in the midst of this chaos, anarchy and lawlessness, now is not the time to cut funding for police departments. it's a time to increase their allowance for training and equipment and salaries so we don't lose them. now, more than ever, we need to support the men and women who risk their lives for people, who increasingly, are showing less and less appreciation for their sacrifice.

if you care anything about keeping people safe, especially people who can't protect themselves; if you have any sense of decency, if you have any moral or ethical compass, examine your heart...

because, now would be the time to support law enforcement.

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the tyrants of history first manifest themselves in small innocuous committees.

their first stolen land is the attempt to control of the narrative. they hover over the technicalities to gain purchase. they pretend to drive us towards higher ground, should we surrender our capacity to think for ourselves.

pretty soon, the sanctioned doctrine is guarded by barbwire.
the greatest censorship is self-censorship.

it's time to stop pandering. it's time to think beyond the slogans.
it's time to go beyond two sentences in the conversation.
it's time to test the depths of the waters of our culture.
it's time to go vertical rather than horizontal.
it's time to appreciate the little things.
it's time to look for the good in America.

but, it's going to be ok, because

ideas are greater than riots or looting or threats or fear.

because in the end.. *ideas win.*

From: [Wendy Taylor](#)
To: [Mary Gourley](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Comment for City of Sebastopol Special Meeting June 30th on Preventative Safety
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:09:33 PM

Dear City Council Members,
c.c. neighbors on Johnson Street

I would like to find out if there can be a local warning-notification ordinance for nearby neighbors when a dangerous event has occurred in the surrounding area. The incident I am referring to occurred on Johnson Street. Reportedly, it entailed an attempted sexual assault on January 23rd 2020 at 5:00pm of a young girl on Johnson Street and Sunset Avenue. The young girl was dragged by a man to the back of one of our houses. Reportedly the young girl managed to escape. Many of us called Sebastopol Police Department to find out what protective information we could obtain for safety purposes and we were told no information would be released. My neighbor spoke to Sergeant Ginn who said he could not provide any information. Many other downtown residents called as well and no information was provided. We found out about the incident because the girl who was attacked is a friend of my neighbor's daughter.

I contacted Laguna and Analy High schools and notified all my neighbors on Johnson street and I posted on [nextdoor.com](#) and I talked to Mike Carnacchi, City Council Member who was supportive and interested in our concerns. I notified a lot of the kids that walk up and down the streets daily. I told the girls to team up, stay alert day and night and talk to their parents. I informed parents, I talked to girls and boys at sports events at Analy.

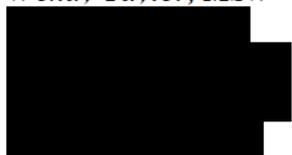
I completely understand and support our local officers with regard to maintaining confidentiality and limiting information during an open investigation. Is there anyway at all to have a local authorization to inform neighbors on a high risk incident? Is there some way to protect our kids when a dangerous incident occurs that would not impede an active investigation?

Thank you so much,

Wendy Taylor, Social Worker and caring neighbor on Johnson Street.

Taylor Elder Care Management

Wendy Taylor, MSW



From: [Stella Sappington](#)
To: [Mary Gourley](#)
Subject: Re: City council meeting
Date: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:58:04 PM

Dear Mary,

My name is Stella and I am hoping to submit the following for review regarding the upcoming June 30th city council meeting.

Thank you and best,

Stella Sappington

To the members of the City Council of Sebastopol,

It is admirable that this city council is responding to its constituents interests in taking a closer look at policing. In the presentation prepared for the upcoming meeting, you propose "Reimagining Policing" along the lines of mission, resources toward certain police-delivered services, civilian leadership, peace officers, restorative justice training and community partnerships.

I am writing to urge the Sebastopol City Council to take a more innovative approach to their review of the role of policing in Sebastopol. As a local of Sonoma County, I am personally invested in the allocation of city funds toward the wellbeing of the community, which is why I believe that the first step toward justice is to consider how the enormous portion of the city budget attributed to policing could be more powerfully spent elsewhere.

Although I support the initial thrust to reimagine policing, it is not truly imaginative to simply reform the department, or to further embed the violence of policing into our community, forcing neighbors to police one another.

Certainly, the police department should review its mission. Not currently included in Sebastopol Police Department's mission statement is the aim of dismantling the systemic inequality that it has been the agent of in the past. However, the city council body should redistribute funds from this department into community services which are better suited to do the work that has been hoisted upon police departments nationwide. For example, I hope that this council may consider that police are perhaps not best suited to address those experiencing homelessness, mental health calls, family disputes and more.

As you discuss how community members can articulate their visions for changes in policing in Sebastopol, it must be noted that policing itself is essentially flawed. I hope that the reforms outlined in this presentation are only preliminary efforts toward ultimately redistributing funds from the Police Department to crucial community resources. For example, investments in mental health counseling, substance abuse rehabilitation, sustainable and affordable housing, the center for the arts, Ives Pool, parks and the senior center.

Cities around the country, including within California, are taking steps to redistribute funds from their police departments across the spectrum of community programming. Sebastopol

should do the same.

Thank you for your time,

Stella Sappington

From: [Kyle Falbo](#)
To: [Mary Gourley](#)
Subject: Re: Items not on the agenda.
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:23:10 PM

I would like the following comment submitted to the record for this evening's meeting:

I was in attendance at the 6/23/2020 meeting held virtually using the Zoom platform. During this meeting I had my video displayed with a virtual background with imagery suggesting details of our cities budget, a call for police to be replaced by crisis workers, and additional charts indicating the expense of policing in our city in comparison to other municipalities. These virtual backgrounds are no different than if I were to come to a physical council meeting with a picket sign or poster board. These images constitute free speech of a politically relevant nature in a public meeting.

At 20:35 my video was muted by the meeting host. This action is an infringement on free speech. I would like full disclosure on the decision to mute my video as I also believe that this decision may violate the Brown Act. This action taken by the council is the virtual equivalent of removing picket signs from my hands forcefully during a physical council meeting.

I look forward to your response.

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Kyle Falbo