

From: [Julie Frickleton](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: MAGA store on El Paseo
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:31:44 AM

Dear Mayor,

Just want to say that I agree with you completely on this issue. More than once I have gone to dinner at Mitch's or wherever and wondered if the MAGA was being promoted by the shop owners generally on El Paseo. Frankly, it made me feel unwelcome. These aren't the mainstream Republicans from the 1980s, they are truly hateful. I have seen nasty things from that group about Hillary Clinton and others that are downright personal and cruel. That's not political discourse, it's just rude. Hang in there and don't apologize to anyone.

Julie Frickleton
La Quinta
Sent from my iPad

From: [Britt Wilson](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Resign
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:36:23 AM



For your terrible, despicable comments on the Patriot Store on El paseo, resign immediately.

Britt W. Wilson

[REDACTED]

Palm Desert, CA 92260

[REDACTED]

From: [Sunny Simonetti](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Karina Quintanelli, Mayor, Palm Desert
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:58:58 AM

I respectfully request the resignation of mayor Karina Quintanilla after her biased remarks about the patriots store on El Paseo.

I have been a resident of Palm Desert for almost almost 18 years. I do not want this kind of representation.

She is a disgrace to the office.
Sunny Simonetti
Palm Desert, California

From: [David Muscat](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Palm Desert Mayor Karina Quintanilla
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:20:53 AM



Palm Desert Mayor Karina Quintanilla

I support Mayor Quintanilla and urge her to NOT resign. She is an incredible leader. The patriot store and their outspoken employees have made parts of El Paseo uncomfortable for my husband and I, (a gay couple) to enjoy our own community where we are year round residents and home owners. The store also makes many of our family and friends uncomfortable when they have visited the valley. Making visitors uncomfortable does not help our local economy!!!

Also the patriot store employees spill on to the streets holding Trump signs, cheering at cars attempting to get honks. They sit in Mitches after work and loudly disparage minorities. One evening causing us to end our dinner early and leave the restaurant instead of making a scene. I have also noticed many have cars registered in other states so I assume they are not even California residents. It is about time that someone has voiced an opinion that so many of us have regarding the patriot store.

David
Homeowner permanent Palm Desert resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Fully support you!
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:52:23 AM



I live in Rancho Mirage. 11 years now. During the 2020 election, while shopping on El Paseo. That trump shop was headquarters for people driving up and down the street shouting at masked shoppers during a pandemic.

Trying to go into a shop I was approached on the sidewalk while entering a clothing shop. At the same time a monster truck with trump flags joined in. Clearly these people were working together. We are a gay couple on our 60s and felt that was also a part of why they choose us. I came home and wrote El Paso Shops and told them. Nothing has changed and I never have shopped on El Paseo again.

You are right. Don't apologize.

Thank you.

Bernie Ardia

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Karen Eusebio](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Mayor's comments
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 10:26:46 AM



Dear Mayor

I was disappointed to read your recent comment about the Republican Party store in El Paseo. Even if the comment was posted on your personal page, it would still come across as biased and dismissive towards a significant portion of Palm Desert's residents, including those of us who regularly shop in the area. Labeling conservatives as extremists can alienate and degrade a large group of citizens, which I believe is counterproductive for someone in your leadership position.

As a leader, it's crucial to unite rather than divide our community. I am concerned that this kind of rhetoric could impact your ability to lead effectively. I hope you will consider the impact of your words on all of your constituents and strive to foster an environment of inclusivity and respect.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Karen Eusebio

From: [Robin Brooks](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Don't apologize!
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 10:58:57 AM



Thank you, Mayor Quintanilla! I very much appreciate your comments about the Patriot Store. Please do NOT apologize for the criticism; it is important and long overdue. I look forward to seeing hate defeated in November and a "For Lease" sign on the Patriot Store by January 2025!

~ Robin

Robin Brooks, 



From: [John Hooker](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Mayor Regarding Republican Store on El Paseo
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 11:58:04 AM



The Mayor needs to resign. Her comment about her that she should not have used her office account and that she should have used her personal faceBook shows her arrogance and stupidity!!!!

John Hooker
Palm Desert

From: [Jacqueline McLarty](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Attn: Mayor Quintanilla
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:37:11 PM



Dear Honorable Mayor Quintanilla,

I read with interest about your email regarding the Republican store on El Paseo Drive. I agree with your comments, and see no reason for you to resign.

However, I am more concerned about the large glass storefront at the intersection of Portola Drive and El Paseo Drive, across from Rappaport Furniture. Large cardboard cutouts of former leading Democratic Party members are displayed with large black marks cross their face/mouth (to silence them), and a large black X across their bodies (to do away with them). It is disturbing to me for many reasons.

We have a lot of visitors from other countries and other states that visit El Paseo Drive. The Drive is filled with high end and fashionable stores and lovely businesses. What kind of impression do these disturbing cutouts have on visitors? I do not want them to think I support them.

Also, I do not see any similar disturbing cutouts placed in a glass storefront by any Democratic Party members.

Is there any way to have these cutouts removed to avoid creating a disturbing scene for not only us, but for visitors returning this fall? The cutouts have been in the storefront for over a year. There are ways to support political candidates that do not disturb, threaten or create a violent atmosphere.

About two years ago, my son from out of town, my husband and I were having a meal on the balcony of Tommy Bahamas. Suddenly, a large, blocks-long caravan of men and women riding in cars and trucks with "Trump" memorabilia, large flags were honking horns and making threatening gestures to people on the sidewalks. We felt threatened, exhausts smoke was choking, and we left the restaurant. We drove home to avoid this. Our biggest fear was, are there guns in the caravan's vehicles?

Does the City of Palm Desert have a plan in place for the upcoming national election in the event Trump loses? I plan to avoid El Paseo Drive for several weeks if that is the outcome of the election.

My husband and I have lived year round in Palm Desert for over ten years. We are proud of our City and although we support the Democratic Party candidates, we are very apprehensive about what may happen here after the election.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and to assure citizens of our lovely City that violence and blood baths will not occur after November 6.

My best,
Jacqueline McLarty



From: [Storm Jenkins](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Palm Desert Mayor Quintanilla's Debacle
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 3:37:06 PM



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT PALM DESERT MAYOR QUINTANILLA'S ATTACK ON "THE PATRIOT STORE" AND "GUNS OF DISTINCTION"

Many of you may have been following on the local TV stations, the huge debacle in which Mayor Quintanilla has placed herself. On August 10th she decided to post a horrific attack on The Patriot Store on El Paseo. She said that a store that sells American flags is filled with "extremists." When I responded and asked her if she had ever even set foot in the store, which I know she has not, she turned on me and suggested that nobody should patronize me either. At last night's City Council meeting scores of residents showed up and asked for explanations, apologies and her resignation. She would not even look up to make eye contact and uttered barely a word. Her contempt for us all was unmistakable. She is up for re-election on November 5th. I know her opponent, Chris Scott. He is a young energetic and patriotic man. He is literally out knocking on doors to introduce himself to voters and to ask for their support, the old fashioned way. This district has only 5,000 registered voters. The race is one we can win and must. Mayor Quintanilla is a disgrace. I am donating to Chris Scott's campaign, because even a moderate donation will have an impact on his ability to reach the voters. I am asking....make that "imploing" all of you to join me and give what you can, in a race that is local and important to us all. Chris Scott is worthy of our support. Please visit his website and be sure to hit the DONATE button.

Despite her abject refusal to answer to her constituents at the meeting and her digging her heels in to the TV reporters, immediately after the meeting she deleted the post that garnered well over 60 responses calling for an apology and her resignation.

Click on the blue text below:
[Chris Scott's Website](#)

Thank you!

Storm Jenkins
[REDACTED]



**Click here to support Chris
Scott and get rid of Mayor
Quintanilla**

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From: [Rosalio Jimenez](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: El Paseo
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:00:30 PM

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to let you know I am very disgusted at your comments about the Women's Patriots store. You are an elected official elected by the people and yes some republicans. I strongly suggest you resign and I am going to assist anyone who runs against you.

And by the way I am a veteran and a Latino.

Charlie Jimenez

From: [Msmithlavin](#)
To: [City Hall Mail](#)
Subject: Mayor Quintanilla
Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024 12:11:55 AM



Mayor Quintanilla,
You are a disgrace to democracy.
Step down.
M Smith

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

From: [City Hall Mail](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Meija](#)
Subject: FW: shopping, voting, and being civil
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 3:28:43 PM

From: Bart Braverman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 3:23 PM
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: shopping, voting, and being civil

Mayor Quintanilla

I've been out of town, but I was just sent the article about the GOP store on El Paseo, your post, and the kerfuffle that followed. First let me say, I think you're right. And, right or wrong, the idea that you should even *think* about resigning is absurd. Are people sooo delicate that they can't bear to hear a word spoken against their POV? Please!

Admittedly, it's a complicated issue - free speech is involved - but I don't think that demands the abandonment of common sense. El Paseo is a shopping venue where people want to feel comfortable. The income of stores and restaurants is based on that principle. My wife and I were having lunch on El Paseo in 2017, just after Trump won, when a caravan of pick-up trucks sporting huge Trump flags drove down the street honking their horns, celebrating the victory, I suppose. It's a free country and that's their right, but it was damned intimidating, which is exactly what I think they had in mind. There is something brutish, brown-shirtish about this particular political movement.

One way or the other, I offer you my good thoughts and my support. I wish you well.

Sincerely,

Bart Braverman

[REDACTED]
Indio, CA
[REDACTED]

From: [City Hall Mail](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: FW: Mayor's Unacceptable Behavior
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 4:20:13 PM

From: Sierragirl [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 4:08 PM
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: Mayor's Unacceptable Behavior



August 26, 2024

Palm Desert City Council

Dear Council:

I am stunned by Mayor Karina Quintanilla's Facebook post disparaging the Patriot Store, its supporters, and attacking the writer who featured a written article about the store.

Mayor Quintanilla's use of the word HATE displayed in upper caps in her vicious rant reveals to me she harbors hostility and lacks the professionalism which should be required in holding the position of mayor.

The Patriot Store's first-class merchandise and pizzazz peppered with American patriotism is an asset to the El Paseo shopping experience.

I am concerned Ms. Quintanilla's inflammatory, offensive, and partisan view may permeate throughout the valley, enabling her mindset to encourage other city officials to also criticize those who do not share their similar views. As an honorable service to the residents of Palm Desert and all of Coachella Valley, the City of Palm Desert should ask Ms. Quintanilla to step down as mayor—and altogether from the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Valley Resident

Anonymous – Voicemail – 8/23/24 8:12 a.m. I have been a resident of Palm Desert CA, for almost 20 years. I would like to request that your Mayor resign after her disgraceful remarks about the patriot store on El Paseo. I do not want this kind of representation.

Linda Rebber – 661-877-8883 – Live Phone Call 8/26/24 9:30 a.m.
As a homeowner of Palm Desert, The Patriot Store seems hateful, and I do not understand why we as a community want that out there. The whole situation is hateful and creates division in the community.

Anonymous – Voicemail – 8/26/24 2:28 p.m.
This message is for Karina. After seeing her throwing stones at a business on El Paseo, I don't care if it's a democrat or a republican, keep your nose out of it. You will never get my vote.