

From: [City Hall Mail](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: FW: A Call for Responsible Leadership and Constructive Dialogue
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 8:13:22 AM

From: Eric Solis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 5:00 PM
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: A Call for Responsible Leadership and Constructive Dialogue

Mayor Quintanilla,

As a long-time resident of Palm Desert, I have always taken great pride in our city, its values, and the leadership that has guided us through the years. However, your recent public post attacking the El Paseo Catalogue and those involved with The Patriot Store raises concerns about the direction in which you are leading the community. Let me be clear: the individuals behind The Patriot Store are not extremists. They are patriots who love their country and express their love for it through a non-profit business. I have personally shopped at The Patriot Store and know the people involved. Your characterization of them as "extremists" is not only inaccurate but irresponsible. Such reckless language from a sitting mayor is beneath the dignity of your office and does nothing but sow division in a community that prides itself on diversity and mutual respect. Fact is that your post does more than just misrepresent a local business; it fuels the very kind of partisan conflict you claim to oppose. By publicly shaming a writer and a not-for-profit business simply for expressing their rights, you undermine the principles of free speech and healthy discourse that are foundational to our republic. This approach is not leadership—it is demagoguery, and it is a disservice to the people of Palm Desert. As mayor, you have a duty to represent all of your constituents, not just those who share your personal views. Leadership is about bringing people together, not tearing them apart. It is about addressing disagreements with respect, understanding, and a commitment to the common good. Unfortunately, your post falls woefully short of these ideals. If you truly care about the well-being of the City of Palm Desert, I implore you to reconsider your approach. Instead of attacking those with whom you disagree, consider creating an environment where all voices are heard and respected. Palm Desert deserves better than divisive rhetoric from its mayor. Palm Desert deserves a mayor who leads with integrity, wisdom, and a genuine commitment to the unity of its community. The weight of your words carries consequences, and it is time to reflect on the impact of your actions. The people of Palm Desert expect and deserve responsible leadership, and in this situation, you have failed in epic fashion.

From: [City Hall Mail](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: FW: Support
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:56:31 PM

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From: David Rasmussen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:51 PM
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: Support

We wanted to let you know that we appreciate you keeping right wing politics out of the stores on El Paseo.

Thank you

Dave Rasmussen
[REDACTED]
Palm Desert, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [City Hall Mail](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: FW: In support of the mayor
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:59:00 PM

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From: Sayareh Amir [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:58 PM
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>
Subject: In support of the mayor

Dear mayor Karina,

Thanks for your statement regarding keeping the right wing politics out of our shopping area on Election Day Paseo.
Sara Amir