

**From:** [Erika Castellano](#)  
**To:** [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**Subject:** Elsa Laro - Message for Mayor  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 4:59:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [civicacademy\\_405e0822-c73e-4284-8aa3-2db49044ae45.png](#)

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The following phone call occurred on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 3:24 p.m.

Palm Desert Resident Elsa Laro – [REDACTED]  
Ms. Laro would like the Mayor to know that she does not believe she has any right to discuss anything on El Paseo. Would she have written the same post if it were the democratic party rallying about abortions? You are serving all the residents of Palm Desert not just the democrats. I belong to the independent party and while I am not a republican, you do not have a constitutional right to say what you said. You do not have my vote; you do not represent us. I would like her to know there are a lot of us discussing this and we are not in favor of her serving the City of Palm Desert.

Ms. Laro is Spanish speaking only.



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**From:** [City Hall Mail](#)  
**To:** [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Latest Issue Involving PDG  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 7:42:44 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Roberta Kay [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 5:26 PM  
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>  
Subject: Latest Issue Involving PDG

Hi Karina,

As the Second V.P. of the PDG Democratic Club I would like to tell you that I am still a big fan of yours and wish this whole mess to be put to rest. Your apology should be enough. We have a very big election coming up where I feel our efforts need to be spent in the next three months. It's sad to have this happening just after the fabulous Democratic convention where everyone I talk to is so excited and fired up!

Sincerely,

Roberta Kay

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Vanessa Mager](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Mejia](#); [Níamh Ortega](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback for City of Palm Desert  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:06:53 PM  
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**From:** City of Palm Desert <[webmaster@palmdesert.gov](mailto:webmaster@palmdesert.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 6:47 AM

**To:** Information Mail <[info@palmdesert.gov](mailto:info@palmdesert.gov)>

**Subject:** Feedback for City of Palm Desert



You have received this feedback from Paul Harrison [REDACTED] for the following page:

<https://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/mayor-and-city-council>

The mayor spoke the truth but the city council ran away like the cowards they are. Now the mayor is getting death threats. Support the mayor and what she said. These people are criminals and bullies. STAND UP TO THEM!



**From:** [Vanessa Mager](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Mejia](#); [Níamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Information Mail](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback for City of Palm Desert  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:07:17 PM  
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**From:** City of Palm Desert <[webmaster@palmdesert.gov](mailto:webmaster@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 5:43 AM  
**To:** Information Mail <[info@palmdesert.gov](mailto:info@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Subject:** Feedback for City of Palm Desert



You have received this feedback from George Dobosh [REDACTED] for the following page:

<https://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/mayor-and-city-council>

trump is a convicted felon and rapist. The Republican Party has lost its mind and is supporting this criminal. If Palm Desert condones a store that supports insurrection and criminals, then I will never support any business in Palm Desert. I will stay out of your city. Your mayor is doing the right thing but obviously the city council is afraid to stand up to these criminals and bullies.

**From:** [Vanessa Mager](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Mejia](#); [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Information Mail](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback for City of Palm Desert  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:21:24 PM  
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My apologies if you have already received the comment below.



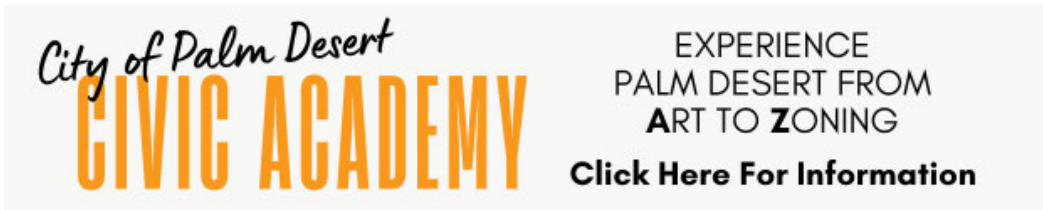
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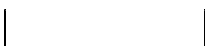
**From:** City of Palm Desert <[webmaster@palmdesert.gov](mailto:webmaster@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 25, 2024 7:21 AM  
**To:** Information Mail <[info@palmdesert.gov](mailto:info@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Subject:** Feedback for City of Palm Desert



You have received this feedback from George Dobosh [REDACTED] for the following page:

<https://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/mayor-and-city-council>

I agree with you. The patriot store is a disgrace. It is creepy and weird and unpatriotic in my opinion. Please don't apologize to them. You have done the patriotic thing by standing up to them. Please don't back down.



**From:** [Erika Castellano](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Mejia](#); [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Message  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 2:02:21 PM  
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**From:** Marie de Vera <[mdevera@palmdesert.gov](mailto:mdevera@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:53 PM  
**To:** Erika Castellano <[ecastellano@palmdesert.gov](mailto:ecastellano@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Cc:** Anthony Mejia <[amejia@palmdesert.gov](mailto:amejia@palmdesert.gov)>  
**Subject:** Phone Message

Hi Erika,

I'm passing this along, for you to please include with public comment.

Palm Desert resident, Leslie Daily, called today at 1:31 PM. She wants to speak with someone about "why the Mayor of Palm Desert is strongly opposing the Patriot Store... As an elected official, she is supposed to be bipartisan and does not have the right to comment as she has. Residents, surely, do not approve of this." She would like a phone call back as to why the Mayor thinks she has the right to speak so negatively about this business. Her phone number is [REDACTED].

**From:** [Information Mail](#)  
**To:** [Todd Hileman](#)  
**Cc:** [Marie de Vera](#); [Anthony Mejia](#); [Níamh Ortega](#); [Thomas Soule](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Hateful Maga Store on El Paseo  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 3:40:55 PM

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Good Afternoon Todd,

I am forwarding an email we received from the Information Mail email for your review. I have notified the resident that the email was forwarded to you.

Best Regards,  
Christiani Aquino

-----Original Message-----

From: linda rebber [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:06 PM  
To: Information Mail <info@palmdesert.gov>  
Subject: Hateful Maga Store on El Paseo

City Manager,

Why is that hateful maga store allowed on El Paseo? We have been seeing their hateful exhibits for years and often wondered who would do this and why is it allowed. It bothers us every time we drive by it. It is partisan, divisive and creates ill will towards others. I had thought about writing the owner, but figured they were unreasonable and would be a waste of time. I think people should have free speech, but does it need to be on our lovely paseo? They can protest in other ways, maybe not displaying hateful rhetoric constantly in a store front.

Sincerely,

Linda and John Rebber  
Residents of Palm Desert  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Erika Castellano](#)  
**To:** [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**Subject:** Anonymous Phone Call 8.29.24  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2024 8:40:09 AM  
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Anonymous Live Phone Call – Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 9:20 a.m.

I am a resident of Palm Desert, and I would like Mayor Quintanilla to step down because of her awful comments on the store on El Paseo. We put her in office, and she is throwing fire into the mix. She does not represent the residents of Palm Desert.



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**From:** [City Hall Mail](#)  
**To:** [Níamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Good job Mayor Quintanilla!!!  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2024 8:40:06 AM

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**From:** Sherman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2024 5:37 AM  
**To:** City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>  
**Subject:** Good job Mayor Quintanilla!!!

Hello Mayor Quintanilla,

I support you and your comments about "The Patriot" store which isn't creating a positive and inclusive community. It's very sad and disappointing it was highlighted as a store on El Paeso. My friends and I are staying away from El Paeso because of that store. We will also tell our friends and visitors to do the same especially how you've been poorly treated.

It's very interesting the people attacking you also support Trump who says whatever he wants about anyone without any accountability. The hurtful comments and threats you've received show how the community and our country has a lot of growing up to do.

Stay well, safe and proud for doing the right thing to help lead us to a better community for all.

Best,  
Sherman

**From:** [City Hall Mail](#)  
**To:** [Niamh Ortega](#)  
**Cc:** [Anthony Mejia](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Patriot  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:27:33 AM

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Niamh,

This resident sent the same email to City Hall mail that he sent back on August 27, 2024. I have responded that the email has been received.

Thank you,  
Erika

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Solis [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:43 AM  
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>  
Subject: Patriot

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: All my support for Mayor Quintanilla  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:28:01 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alma Trejo [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2024 2:25 PM  
To: City Hall Mail <cityhall@palmdesert.gov>  
Subject: All my support for Mayor Quintanilla

To whom it may concern,

I recently met Mayor Quintanilla at an education plan convening hosted by the governor's office and I must say that I was beyond impressed with how intelligent, deep, and analytical she is. Working with her in a group to brainstorm around educational strategies was a delight! She us a breath if fresh air for our communities in the desert region, especially for our working communities of color who are constantly facing the same violence the Mayor is currently facing.

It is my hope that the city does everything possible to support the mayor and the great work she continues to lead.

Alma

Sent from my iPhone