

From: [Erika Castellano](#)
To: [Niamh Ortega](#)
Cc: [Anthony Mejia](#)
Subject: Andi Denney - 2024-09-10
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:45:40 AM
Attachments: [civicacademy_405e0822-c73e-4284-8aa3-2db49044ae45.png](#)
[Andi Denney - 2024-09-10.pdf](#)

Hi Niamh,

This letter was received at City Hall.

Thank you,



Erika Castellano

Management Specialist

City of Palm Desert

73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

ecastellano@palmdesert.gov | [760.776.6315](tel:760.776.6315) | www.palmdesert.gov

City of Palm Desert
CIVIC ACADEMY

EXPERIENCE
PALM DESERT FROM
ART TO ZONING

Click Here For Information

karina quintanilla, Mayor
Jan Harnik, Mayor Pro Tem
Gina Nestande, Council Member
Evan Trubee, Council Member
Kathleen Kelly, Council Member

August 26 2024

Many citizens, myself, and business owners are appalled over the Mayor's nasty face book post spewed on her official Politician Council Member, Palm Desert District 1 page August 10 2024. Her deficiency in judgment and lack of professionalism determines she should resign, or be asked to by all City Council members. If she refuses or can not be removed, all members should at least collectively state in writing to her, that she must make a formal apology to The Patriot Store and El Paseo Catalogue.

Her apology needs to be televised so she may express to a vast audience her regret of personal lack of judgment and professionalism. In addition to her televised apology statement to the above mentioned, she must in writing also apologize to the leader of The Patriot Store Joy Miedecke, and Aleesha Lange, who wrote the article that apparently triggered the Mayor. Her post expressed hatred of the color red and released her unpleasant thoughts about Lux business's on El Paseo and disdain of El Paseo Catalogue. The post is still there as of August 23 2024.

After attending the City Council meeting via Zoom on August 23 2004 at 4:30 pm I reviewed her defamatory post again, which is still up. Viewed by some I'm sure who voted for her and by MANY more who did not. As of August 24 2024 her post and the El Paseo Catalogue article have been removed, including links to it in other publications. This is unfortunate and coincidentally happened after the appearance of Mayor Quintanilla on the evening news August 23 2024. This has made it difficult for concerned citizens to see both the Mayors original post and the article Style Reigns at The Patriot Store.

Mayor Quintanilla again lacked professionalism during the City Council meeting when announcing public comment speakers. She pretended she was not able to pronounce the simplest of names. This occurred with almost every single speaker. Seated Council members were seemingly embarrassed, as was many attending the meeting. One resident and former business owner Velma Hagar had to correct her ridiculousness by reminding her she DID know her name. Velma referenced her own response to the Mayors disparaging post. She reiterated the Mayor should resign over her libelous comments. Not surprising considering her post was riddled with grammar and punctuation mistakes. This was pointed out by another articulate attendee concerned about the dangerous post and its negative affect on business owners and the community. In addition she unnecessarily kept calling for decorum and legal council while speakers were reading their statements. Her conduct during this part of the meeting was laughable and inefficient, interrupting their limited time to speak.

The appearance on KESQ later that same day was NOT an apology for her defamatory words OR her lack of judgment. The post was HER post and everyone knows it. If she stands by her post which it sounded like she did, than why hasn't she re-posted it on her so called personal page? And why is the article not found on the El Paseo Catalogue web sight? Her deflecting manner was quite obvious during the interview.

Not one elected official should be expressing personal hatred on face book or referring to any business she doesn't like as extremist. I personally CAN NOT believe a mayor would speak in such manor.

Think about it, she completely trashed a very popular business that brings revenue to the city SHE represents, just like ALL business's of Palm Desert. She lambasted El Paseo Catalogue, which advertises for ALL business's on the street.

She responded to another Palm Desert business owner in her post. He like most, were expressing disagreeance with her vile thoughts.

He was told thanks for telling us where NOT to shop! Wonder if the Mayor has visited either The Patriot Store OR Guns of Distinction. Probably not.


The El Paseo Catalogue partners/collaborates with Palm Springs Life Magazine which everyone with a brain knows is circulated WORLD WIDE!! Seems Mayor Quintanilla elected on some questionable legalities, is not so smart.

The Patriot Store, Joy Miedecke, El Paseo Catalogue and Aleesha Lange have been defamed by Mayor Karina Quintanilla. She has caused undeserved harm to their business's and to them personally. And quite frankly to the City of Palm Desert.

The true hatred SHE carries has been divulged.

The City of Palm Desert deserves a Mayor who serves all constituents equally. The City of Palm Desert merits respect and appreciation of revenue generated by all business's and their owners.

Respectfully,

Andi Denney


From: [Keith Coleman](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: Mayor Quintanilla
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:32:15 AM



I stand with the Mayor for her right to free speech. And I heartily agree with her comment. A one-sided political souvenir store makes El Paseo look trashy. What kind of people are you attracting or turning away? You should have learned that lesson with Denise Roberge and her hate-filled, crazed shop window.

She does not need to feel threatened in her position and nobody should be carrying a gun during any city function.

Keith Coleman.