

LARA WEISIGER

From: Cathy Leong <gocathyl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 11:46 AM
To: John Knox White; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog
Cc: City Clerk; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: Will/can you send an email today MONDAY Nov 4th to the City Council

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Thank you for your response; however, please know as a homeowner/taxpayer/and voter in Alameda, I (and many others) remind you it would - at the very least - be unwise to all Vella & Oddie to vote this evening.

Pending the outcome of your closed door hearing, be aware, a group in Alameda have contacted a first amendment lawyer who is prepared to file a lawsuit. While the group will be paying the court filing fees; I am certain that the other voters/taxpayers in Alameda will not be pleased to know if they prevail the city pays attorney fees. More money out of our City coffers while you as Council continue to find new ways to pay for existing services and pensions.

Seriously signed, Cathy Leong

On Tue, Nov 5, 2019 at 11:06 AM John Knox White <JknoxWhite@alamedaca.gov> wrote:

I appreciate the District Attorney's encouragement to "consider the public interest, open governance and transparency" in any discussion and potential action, it is regular baseline that I use for decision-making and why I actively engage in discussions about local issues with people from all points of view. The DA's office may have been able to make that determination itself. However, by returning the tape to the City the decision now falls squarely on the City alone, along with any of the potential risks associated with taking the DA's Office's recommended actions.

As you can imagine, with threats of lawsuits, etc. related to the entire Keimach issue, the issues she raises are three important considerations, but they are not the only considerations in looking out for what is best for the city (as can be seen in the DA's solution to avoid the issue herself).

As someone who take transparency and open government seriously, I give you my word that if there are discussions related to releasing the tape, I will weigh these considerations very carefully among the various factors that will be involved in determining how to move forward on the issue.

Best,

John Knox White

Vice Mayor, Alameda

From: Cathy Leong <gocathyl@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 8:25 AM

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; John Knox White <JknoxWhite@alamedaca.gov>; Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>

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From: Denise Lai <deniselai@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Cc: Eric Levitt; Gerry Beaudin; Jodi Owens; Michelle Koka
Subject: 8/16/2017 Keimach Tape

Importance: High

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

Tonight, please:

- **Disallow Councilmembers Oddie and Vella from voting** on the release of the "August 16, 2017 audio tape of the meeting with Council Members Oddie and Vella concerning the hiring of a new Fire Chief" (8/16/2017 Keimach Tape). This is a clear conflict of interest and they should not be voting on this issue.
- **Make the 8/16/2017 Keimach Tape a public document.**

DA O'Malley advises making this tape a public document, so there is no legal reason preventing you from making the tape public. Moreover, it is imperative that you avoid all politics win your vote tonight.

The people have a right to know what really transpired given the exorbitant costs borne by the city for this debacle.

Our money was spent on this debacle rather than say, for instance, properly sweeping streets **with water** while driving at a **slow speed** and actually improving our quality of life...rather than what public works now does: creating a massive cloud of dust redistributing dirt from the street onto everyone's homes, cars, yards/landscaping, and persons if you're unlucky enough to happen to be on the street when the street-sweeper drives by.

Residents have a need to know the facts of a debacle when city coffers are going to pay for debacles instead of basic maintenance needs of our city.

Tonight, I urge you make the 8/16/2017 Keimach Tape a public document.

Kindest regards,

Denise Lai
Alameda Resident
+1 510-50-16467

LARA WEISIGER

From: Eileen Savel <eileensavel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 11:35 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Subject: Please release the Keimch Tape

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Eileen Savel
Longtime Alameda Resident
Cell: 510-421-3987

LARA WEISIGER

From: Diane Foster <dianefoster@diane-foster.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog; City Clerk
Subject: Request for release of the Keimach tapes.

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Sincerely,

Diane Foster, MA, Career Development and Master Certified Coach

President of Diane Foster & Associates

Author: The Skill Kit for Leaders: "Real-Time" Resources for Developing Leadership Skills

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From: Hanna Fry <hanna.fry@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 4:47 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Subject: Keimach Tape

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Dear Mayor Ashcroft and Council Members Knox-White , Daysog, Oddie and Vella,
Having read the recent newspaper article regarding the Keimach Tape, I am writing to request that you release the Keimach Tape of the August 16, 2017 meeting with Council Members Oddie and Vella concerning the hiring of a new Fire Chief.

Citizens of Alameda have been very disappointed with the refusal of the City Council to share with us whatever evidence there may or may not be regarding this unfortunate issue. With Alameda District Attorney Nancy O'Malley's recommendation, it is legal, ethical and proper to release the Keimach tape. The people of Alameda deserve to hear the information on the tape before we go to the polls to elect city council members. Because both Ms. Vella and Mr. Oddie deny any wrongdoing, one would think they would want the tape released. Watching the current stone walling from the White House, we all understand how important transparency is to our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration,
Hanna Fry

LARA WEISIGER

From: Nancy Gordon <nancy.gordon@bhhsdrysedale.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Tony Daysog; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Correction: 11/4 NancyGordon requesting/insisting Council release Grand Jury and Kleimach tapes for all Alameda citizens to see and review. Pass immediately to all council members, please!

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11/4/19 please forward to all council members, as I needed to change my prior email subject to "requesting/insisting" Council vote to release the tapes. To Council members: Since I'm out of town for the meeting and therefore unable to attend, I want to be sure you receive my serious request for the release of all tapes to the public, regarding the Malia Vella and Jim Oddie not following proper procedure with regard to the hiring of the Fire Chief. They illegally tried to influence Jill Keimach, then city manager, in her decision about said hiring. This is not to be tolerated and must be fully disclosed!

>> Sincerely, Nancy J Gordon, 1021 Union St, Alameda 94501.

>> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Corinne Lambden <cplambden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Subject: Release Keimach Tapes

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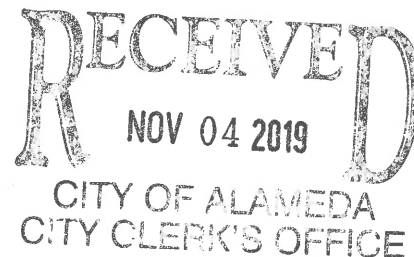
I write to ask you to release the transcript and/or tape(s) of the 8/16/17 meeting between then City Manager Keimach, and Council Members Oddie and Vella concerning the hiring of a new Fire Chief.

Among residents of Alameda, who shouldered the huge associated costs, there remains a sense that secrecy continues to surround this disgraceful episode; we deserve to know the full facts of this case.

As District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and the Grand Jury have done, I respectfully urge you to do the right thing and allow the light of transparency to shine.

In anticipation of your consideration,
Corinne Lambden

October 30, 2019



Re: November 5, 2019, Council Agenda Item 3-A, 2019-7401

Dear City Council and City Clerk:

Our country faces an *acute* crisis of honesty and openness in government. The president's modus operandi is to lie, conceal, and threaten to sue and discredit the people and institutions that seek the truth. It seems all the *worse* because his methods may succeed and become the modus operandi for politicians of all stripes and parties into the future.

Elements of the nation's affliction are being played out in our City Manager scandal *that the Council has still not resolved*. Lying: either a councilmember or a *respected Police Chief*; either a councilmember or an *audio recording*; either a councilmember or the *Alameda County District Attorney*; either a councilmember or the *Alameda County Grand Jury*. Concealment, discrediting and threats to sue: instead of calling for release of the audio recording, there are veiled and open threats of legal action against the City, and an attempt to discredit the Alameda County Grand Jury. Now that the District Attorney has opined that release of the recording would be in the public interest, are attacks on the District Attorney next?

It all reads like a children's version of the Trump playbook.

And what to tell *our* kids? That the Trump way works? "Fight back - be brutal, be tough - don't take it. It is always important to WIN!"? That if you have done something wrong, hire the best lawyers and consultants to try to cover it up and shift blame; attack your accusers' true statements; threaten frivolous legal action against the city *instead of acting as its steward*? Is this different from Trump lying and then telling us to "get over it" while sticking us with the tab?

That is not the way it should be. Alameda's city government is not here to benefit individual councilmembers, or their careers, and Alamedans should not be told to just "get over it".

Alameda can provide leadership on the housing crisis, renter protections, environmental policy, protection of immigrants, great schools, promotion of sustainable modes of transportation, and more. Lying, concealment, discrediting of institutions that serve the public, and placing personal above public interests advance none of those goals and tarnish our city's reputation.

Most often, compromise in politics is a virtue. This is not one of those times. Please take a principled stand.

The Council should reject the frivolous claim against the city. Insurance companies pay small amounts to settle frivolous claims because it is cheaper than paying lawyers to fight. This case is different because the claim is being made by a councilmember who was elected to *protect the city's interests*. Paying money on a frivolous claim *to a councilmember* should not be considered just another "cost of doing business", and would undermine Alamedans' confidence in city leadership at a time when *confidence is needed* as Alameda heads towards important votes,

including to obtain needed funding for our schools and on possible changes to the City Charter. If the councilmember chooses to proceed with a lawsuit against the city, so be it. The blame would lie with the councilmember and not the City Council as a whole.

Next, release the audio recording. The Grand Jury's partial disclosure of the contents of the recording was attacked – with the rest of its report – as misleading, selective, and biased. The *best answer* to those councilmember-led attacks on the integrity of the *Alameda County Grand Jury* is to let the public *who have paid for all of this* hear the recording and judge for itself. A decision by the Council to *trust the Alameda public* to make those judgments would go some way to *finally* putting this mess behind us and keeping the culture of dishonesty at bay.

No one has a silver bullet to cure the nation's or this city's ills, but if the Council has any doubt about how to proceed, it should err on the side of the truth.

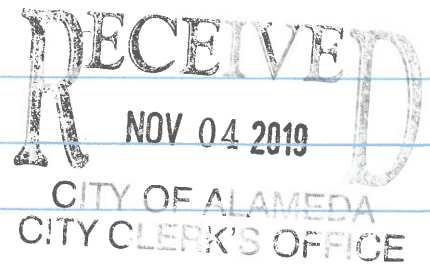
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MAYOR ASHCRAFT &
MEMBERS OF ALAMEDA

NOV. 4, 2019

CITY COUNCIL



PLEASE RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC THE
TAPES FROM THE GRAND JURY &
THOSE MADE BY CITY MANAGER JILL
KEIMACH REGARDING THE HIRING
OF THE FIRE CHIEF. THIS IS AN
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MATTER THAT
COST THE CITY OVER A MILLION DOLLARS
AND THE LOSS OF VALUABLE CITY
STAFF. THE PUBLIC DESERVES THE
FULL FACTS.

SINCERELY,

George B. Humphreys

GEORGE B. HUMPHREYS, P.E., J.D.

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From: Edward Sing <singtam168@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Subject: Release the Keimach Tape

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Sincerely,

Edward Sing
Bay Farm Resident

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From: Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 10:56 AM
To: John Knox White; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Malia Vella; Tony Daysog
Cc: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Releasing of Grand Jury and Kleimach tapes.

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Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and City Council Members,

I understand you are taking into deliberation tomorrow evening the release of tapes from the Grand Jury and former City Manager

Jill Kleimach regarding the purported illegalities of 2 City Council members regarding the Fire Chief hiring process.

I ask you to please vote to release the tapes to the public.

We, as the voting public have the right to know, how and why the grand jury made their decision.

Sincerely,
Reyla Graber
Alameda Resident

LARA WEISIGER

From: Tom Krysiak <tsitjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
Cc: LARA WEISIGER; Donna Cheng; Chuck Thompson Wireless; John Barhaugh; Reyla Graber; Chad Otten; Jim Solar
Subject: Release the Tapes

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Tom Krysiak
308 Sweet Road
Alameda, CA 94502

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From: Sharyn Loshakoff <slosh747@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sharyn Loshakoff,
16 Danbrook Ct.
Alameda, CA 94502

LARA WEISIGER

From: John Platt <johntplatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 10:18 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; John Knox White; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; City Clerk
Subject: Tape

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Council,

Like the majority of Alamedans, I am tired of this on going controversy/fiasco over the Fire Chief and our former City Manager. We have wasted close to a million dollars putting this issue to bed and our community is still deeply divided over this. Our city government needs to focus on the important issues facing our city and put this on going melodrama to bed..

Since both Council Members Odie and Vella declare they did nothing wrong I think it would be in the best interests of our community of taking District Attorney O'Malley's suggestion to release the tape taken by our former city manger.

Let the citizen hear the tape, make their own conclusions and put this matter to rest.

Thank you ,
John Platt

LARA WEISIGER

From: Rob Halford <rhalford@utexas.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 9:06 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog; City Clerk
Subject: In Support of the Release of the Keimach Tape

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I join Alameda District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and many more interested citizens of Alameda in urging Council to release the Keimach Tape of her August 16, 2017 meeting with Council Members Oddie and Vella concerning the hiring of a new Fire Chief.

I understand that you are allowed to delay this release until the pending legal claims are resolved, however I urge you to exercise your discretion and immediately release the tape to the public. While there may be some risk in releasing the tape now, both Mr. Oddie and Ms. Vella are eligible to run for re-election in November of 2020 and the public right to know their culpability or lack thereof well before that election far outweighs that risk. Since both Mr. Oddie and Ms. Vella vehemently deny any wrongdoing perhaps they would enthusiastically support an expedited release.

Given the regrettable erosion of public trust in our city leaders that has occurred over the last few years, it is especially critical that you lead the way in endorsing transparency and openness as a way to a better future.

Thanks and Regards,

Rob Halford

LARA WEISIGER

From: Mike Kelly <ca2528@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog; City Clerk
Subject: Release of Keimach Tape.

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We are aware that, due to the pendency of Council Member Vella's claim against the City for recovery of her legal fees and damage to her reputation and privacy, the California Public Records Act does allow you to delay the release of the tape until her claim is resolved. However, we are urging you to exercise your discretion and immediately release the tape to the public.

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Sincerely,

Michael M. Kelly

2914 Fernside Blvd.

510.693.2528

LARA WEISIGER

From: PatMarty Butensky <patmarty60@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog; City Clerk
Subject: Keimach Tape

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To: Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft, Vice-Mayor Knox-White, and Councilmembers Daysog, Oddie & Vella

I want to urge you to follow District Attorney O'Malley's recommendation and release the Keimach tape of her August 16, 2017 meeting with council members to the public.

Thank you.
Martin Butensky
301 Broadway, Alameda

LARA WEISIGER

From: Patricia Baer <2baers@att.net>
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; City Clerk
Subject: Release of KeimachTapes

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I hope you do the right thing on Tuesday night and vote to release the tapes.

Patricia Baer

LARA WEISIGER

From: Dorothy Freeman <dfreeman@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog
Cc: clerk@
Subject: November 5, 2019 Closed Session Item: Release of Keimach Tape

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Mayor Ashcraft ,
Vice Mayor Knox-White,
Councilmember Daysog,
Councilmember Vella,
Councilmember Oddie,

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Council Members;

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I also request that Councilmember Oddie and Councilmember Vella, as parties to the tape recording, honorably recuse themselves from the discussions and any vote on this matter.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Freeman

cc: City Clerk

LARA WEISIGER

From: Paul Foreman <announcements@alamedacitizenstaskforce.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie;
tdaysog@alamedaca.com
Cc: Manager Manager; Yibin Shen; City Clerk
Subject: Release of Keimach Tape

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ACT

Alameda Citizens Task Force

Vigilance, Truth, Civility

October 31, 2019

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Sincerely,

Gretchen Lipow
President
Alameda Citizens Task Force



October 30, 2019

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

RE: November 5th Agenda

The November 5th City Council Agenda has scheduled public comment on the second Closed Session at the conclusion of the regular City Council Meeting. We expect considerable public interest in this item. Therefore, we are asking the City Council to consider changing the order of this item to the front of the meeting to accommodate speakers for the 2nd Closed Session who need to leave at a reasonable hour. Alternately, the council could allow speakers for the 2nd Closed Session at the beginning of the meeting while leaving the 2nd Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Thank you for considering this request.

Susan Hauser, President
The League of Women Voters of Alameda