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Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: July 10, 2018 meeting regular agenda Item 6A 2018-5725 In support of nomination of Shelby Sheehan to Alameda Public Utilities Board

Hello. My name is Chris Rabe, and I support Shelby Sheehan's nomination to the Public Utilities Board.

As you may know, I am a member of a local grassroots organization called Alameda Safe Energy, that was created in late 2017 by a small group of Alamedans. We felt our concerns about the dangers of so called “smart” meters were being stonewalled by the PUB, who even belittled our concerns by laughing at us during a meeting. Electro Hypersensitive persons and those who share their concerns are a minority group in our city, and this is nothing less than an attack on a minority group, which cannot be tolerated by any government claiming to be open and free.

While we were attempting to resolve our dispute through the civil process (which Alameda Police declared was a civil matter), AMP decided to go ahead and to force installation outside my home anyway, resulting in my arrest. I spent 10 grueling hours being punished for following the civil process, when it had been declared a civil matter by APD. I've had to hire a lawyer to help me file a claim against the city to get back the huge amount of expenses incurred by this, which most likely will end up being paid by Alameda taxpayers. A lose/lose situation for our city.

Now I have a signed statement from the owner of the building expressly forbidding the installation of any smart meter. Despite this, the smart meters remain on the building, and I still have not heard back from AMP or the PUB, forcing me to attend yet another PUB meeting this month where I assume I will be just be stonewalled again.

Dealing with AMP and the PUB has been an extremely slow, time consuming, frustrating, and dangerous process. There has to be an easier way to resolve matters with the power company. Concerned fathers who have not broken the law should not be illegally thrown in jail over civil disputes!

Ms. Sheehan has been an advocate and arduous supporter of mine since I wrote my first letter about this matter to the editor of the Alameda Sun back in October 2017. She has sacrificed a great deal of time and energy fighting this cause. She has integrity, is fair, dedicated, well spoken, and I believe with her strong background in science and public health, she will bring a much needed balance to the PUB. She will also bring back accountability, something which appears to be absent from most levels of government these days.

If you think it's time for the PUB to stop it's stonewalling and marginalization of minority groups, and want fair representation for them, then I ask you to strongly consider appointing Ms. Sheehan to the PUB tonight.

Thanks for your time.

-Chris Rabe

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From: Rob <rob_hough_alameda@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 9:00 AM
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Dear Vice Mayor and Honorable Councilpersons:

The deployment of the “smart” electricity meters by Alameda Municipal Power has introduced involuntary health risks to Alameda residents in the form of electromagnetic smog with significant effects on sensitive populations. AMP's current policies are not even up to the 2014 standards of the California Public Utility Commission for investor owned utilities. The problem of electromagnetic smog is difficult and the science is evolving but jailing concerned fathers is not the answer.

I have confidence that Shelby Sheehan has the particular background to address this important issue creatively. More generally, I believe that she has the ability to work towards solutions protective of the interests, including the health, of the residents of Alameda. I hope that you will support her nomination to the Public Utilities Board.

Sincerely,
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