

Tuesday, Dec 6 2016

To: Alameda City Council

Please REJECT the last-minute nomination to the Social Services Human Relations Board at the 6:59 PM meeting tonight.

This reeks of political cynicism, goes against the Sunshine Ordinance, and should make all Alamedans ashamed that this was even attempted.

All candidates deserve to be interviewed and duly considered. The SSMRB needs to be diverse, active, and compassionate.



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LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:58 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Social Services Human Relations Board - Mayor's nomination

From: Rob Barics [mailto:rob.barics@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>; Frank Matarrese <FMatarrese@alamedaca.gov>; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Social Services Human Relations Board - Mayor's nomination

Mayor Spencer and Council Members,

If the rumors are correct, I am appalled at Mayor Spencer's lack of transparency regarding the Social Services Human Relations Board nomination slated for a special consideration at 6:59 PM tonight, according to the council agenda for 12/6/16.

I understand that there are 10 or so candidates for the position and a fraction have been interviewed. Late today I also heard that there was an additional candidate not previously listed. Wouldn't it be in the community's best interest to interview all candidates in order to make the best choice for the position? Anything short of that goal stinks of cronyism and has no place in my city.

I will be in attendance tonight at the council meeting and will be extremely disappointed if the outgoing council, short a seat (Council Member Ashcraft is rumored to not be in attendance), takes action on this nomination. Mayor Spencer ran for office on a platform of transparency and accountability and I expect the Mayor to adhere to her promises.

Regards,
Rob Barics, Alamedan

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:58 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: unacceptable mayoral appointment to SSHRB

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

From: the grimaldis [mailto:thegrimaldis@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: unacceptable mayoral appointment to SSHRB

Hello,

I object to Mayor Spencer calling for a special session just prior to this evening's city council meeting, with less than 7 days notice and after the agenda was published. I object to our Mayor nominating her choice to fill the vacant seat on the Social Services Human Relations Board.

This is unacceptable for a board appointment. The city received 10+ applications to be appointed to this board and to my knowledge none of them have been granted an interview.

This move to push a nomination through without due process is something that our Mayor vehemently spoke out against during the last election cycle. This appointment should be considered by all members of the city council who will be working directly with the board. Our city council does not need to allow this to happen and can ask that this be saved for the December 20th meeting when all council members will be present and able to contribute to the process. I ask our city council to NOT accept her nomination at this time, as this is completely in opposition to the Sunshine Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Jane Grimaldi

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:57 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Open seat on the Social Services Human Relations Board nomination

From: Bonnie Wehmann [mailto:bonniewehehmann@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:49 PM
To: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>; Frank Matarrese <FMatarrese@alamedaca.gov>; Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Open seat on the Social Services Human Relations Board nomination

Dear Council Members:

It has just come to my attention that Mayor Spencer is going to bring forward her nomination in a special meeting this evening at 6:59, immediately preceding the city council meeting and ask you to support her choice.

I would like to ask Mayor Spencer to reconsider this action and to ask the members of City Council to *not* allow this to happen, as this is in direct violation of the Sunshine Ordinance: there has been no clear vetting process, Several qualified applicants I know personally have not been afforded the opportunity to interview for the position nor have they been informed of the process or events leading up to Mayor Spencer's nomination.

Considering there will be a new sitting council member in two weeks, and that one of our council members will not be present in this evening's meeting, I ask that you request that applicants *who filed before the deadline* be allowed to interview and that the nomination to be postponed to December 20th.

If the nomination is still made this evening, please *do not* support the Mayor's choice at this time and instead ask that the applicants be afforded the opportunity they deserve to demonstrate their capacity to hold the position.

It is imperative that we adhere to the Sunshine Ordinance and allow the due process the applicants deserve, that this community deserves to take place.

Bonnie Wehmann
Easy Street Cycling
Owner and Head Coach
<http://www.easystreetcycling.com/>

LARA WEISIGER

From: Sue Canfield <pikesmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 2:55 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: HR selection

It has come to my attention that the Mayor plans to make a decision for a seat on the Social Services HR board in a special one minute meeting far the council meeting.

This is in direct violation of the Sunshine ordinance . Not all of the candidates have had the opportunity to the interview, which is unacceptable.

I urge the Mayor and council members to handle this professionally and transparently in accordance of the Sunshine ordinance .

Thank you,

Sue Canfield

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Jill Keimach; LARA WEISIGER; Janet Kern
Subject: Fwd: Special Meeting to nominate to SSHRB

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Heather Little <heatherlittle9691@gmail.com>
Date: 12/06/2016 11:47 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Frank Matarrese <FMatarrese@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Special Meeting to nominate to SSHRB

Good morning member of City Council,

As I believe you may know, I have applied for the open seat on the Social Services Human Relations Board, along with many other people. It has just come to my attention that Mayor Spencer is going to bring forward her nomination in a special meeting this evening at 6:59, immediately preceding the city council meeting and ask you to support her choice. I would like to ask Mayor Spencer to reconsider this action and to ask the members of City Council to *not* allow this to happen, as this is in direct violation of the Sunshine Ordinance: there has been no clear vetting process, I and other applicants have not been afforded the opportunity to interview for the position nor have we been informed of the process or events leading up to Mayor Spencer's nomination.

Considering there will be a new sitting council member in two weeks, and that one of our council members will not be present in this evening's meeting, I ask that you request that applicants *who filed before the deadline* be allowed to interview and that the nomination to be postponed to December 20th.

If the nomination is still made this evening, please *do not* support the Mayor's choice at this time and instead ask that the applicants be afforded the opportunity we deserve to demonstrate our capacity to hold the position.

Ultimately, our community has to ask why the rush? Why is this very important decision being put forth in a special one minute meeting?

Given the sensitivity of events that have recently occurred, along with what our city may face over the next four years, it is imperative that an appointment to this board be made carefully and allow all the members of our city council and leadership to be part of the process. It is imperative that we adhere to the Sunshine Ordinance and allow the due process we applicants deserve, that this community deserves to take place. This action to push up the nomination to this evening and rush the process without being transparent about the steps taken towards making this decision is the very action that Mayor Spencer took offense to and spoke out against in previous years.

I would be happy to speak with you directly about my concerns as well as my passion to sit on this board, one that I think will play a very integral role in the near future and one that I, and several others who have applied, am/are very well suited to serve on. Please feel free to contact me today at [415.760.1647](tel:415.760.1647).

Thanks! Heather