

Stephanie Lopez

From: k schroeder <kschroeder70@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Council Meetings
Subject: public comment- council meeting May 26

In light of the hateful and racist posts on candidate Ted Howze's social media and in light of the council's strong stand against hate and intolerance in last August's resolution, I urge each of you who has endorsed Ted Howze, including Mayor Branvold and Council Member Zoslocki, to rescind your endorsement in order to promote civil, respectful, uplifting public discourse.

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From: Lisa Battista <lbattistalaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Council Meetings; Lisa Battista
Subject: comment for tonight's Council meeting during Public Comment Period

I write to urge Mayor Brandvold to publicly rescind his endorsement of Ted Howze for Congress because of Howze's highly offensive social media posts. Howze's posts make it clear that he is not willing or able to represent all of the residents of Congressional District 10 and that he harbors disturbing prejudices against African Americans, Muslims, immigrants, Democrats, and others. Howze has claimed that somebody else made the posts without his knowledge, but his story keeps shifting and he has not come forth with any evidence that the posts were made by anyone other than Howze himself.

Many of Howze's endorsers have affirmatively rescinded their endorsements since these social media posts came to light. Others have had the luxury of remaining silent because Howze "released" all of his endorsers about a week ago. However, Mayor Brandvold told the Modesto Bee that he is sticking with Howze out of loyalty.

Mayor Brandvold, is there any point at which concerns about the candidate could override your loyalty? And if so, how is it that you have not reached that point after seeing his hate-filled social media posts? I again urge you to consider the diverse population of Modesto and the extent to which certain underrepresented groups would suffer because Howze, if elected, would not find them worthy of his best efforts. I believe that that exercise would and should cause you to rescind your endorsement of Howze.

Mr. Zoslocki, you are one of the fortunate Howze endorsers who have been let off the hook by Howze's announcement that he is releasing all endorsers. To my knowledge, you haven't taken a position on his candidacy since then. The voting public would like to know what your position is. And if you continue to endorse Howze, I ask you to reconsider for the reasons discussed above.

Other Council members: I and many others would be happy to hear your position on Howze and his offensive social media posts as well.

Thank you,
Lisa Battista
Modesto resident

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From: Naramsen Goriel <rgoriel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:54 PM
To: CCPresentations
Subject: [BULK] Public comment to council.

Importance: Low

Good afternoon,

The mayor of Modesto is the ceremonial and symbolic leader of our town. Our town's name is Modesto which means modest in Spanish.

There's nothing modest about ignoring and enabling racism. Especially in a town as culturally diverse as Modesto.

We need compassion, knowledge and love to prevail over fear, hate, and greed.

I'd like to quote former President Ronald Reagan in his final speech as president:

"It is bold men and women, yearning for freedom and opportunity, who leave their homelands and come to a new country to start their lives over. They believe in the American dream. And over and over, they make it come true for themselves, for their children, and for others. They give more than they receive. They labor and succeed. And often they are entrepreneurs.

But their greatest contribution is more than economic, because they understand in a special way how glorious it is to be an American. They renew our pride and gratitude in the United States of America, the greatest, freest nation in the world — the last, best hope of man on Earth."

Sincerely,
Naramsen Goriel

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From: Jocelyne Rojas <jocelyne929761@my.yosemite.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Council Meetings
Subject: Constituent Comment

Hi, my name is Jocelyne, and I am a constituent of Stanislaus County/ city of Modesto and am requesting for my comment to be read in front of our city council members. In light of the information that the Modesto Bee and Politico have published in their articles on candidate Ted Howze, I believe that Mayor Ted Brandvold must rescind his endorsement of candidate Howze. The Hispanic or Latino population makes up 47% of Stanislaus county, it is inappropriate to continue to back a candidate in place that seems to hold a negative sentiment towards almost half of its constituents. Also, Howze made nothing short of gross comments about Muslim American citizens solely because they choose to exercise their first amendment right to practice a religion other than his. We need a leader focused on implementing policies and promoting pluralism, not furthering a political divide based on personal ideologies.

It is crucial to mention that the agricultural community in our county relies heavily on immigrant farmworkers. I believe that as leaders, nothing but the highest standards on conduct should be expected and that leaders should be accountable for their actions and be able to take responsibility. By not rescinding the endorsement of Ted Howze, you are partaking in furthering dividing the nation and community on party loyalty vs. on behalf of your constituents regardless of political affiliation and not fighting for what is morally and ethically right.

Regards,
Jocelyne R.