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# General Public Comment

**From:** S T <tsbecker069@gmail.com>  
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Please find attached a copy of a Santa Maria Times story concerning comments made during the 2/2/21 BOS meeting.

It was fully understood by the Santa Maria Times reporter that I was quoting and paraphrasing Malcom X.

YouTube has a large library of Malcom X speeches. The most famous speech is "The Ballot or the Bullet".

Excuse me for believing that Malcom X, with all his flaws, was a great leader, and his words 57 years ago are still true today.

Respectfully

Tom Becker

SANTA MARIA TIMES  
2/4/21

“Juneteenth,” a term made by combining “June” with “nineteenth,” is a celebration commemorating the June 19, 1865 announcement by Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger that Texas was free of slavery.

Thomas Becker, the only member of the public who asked to speak about the resolution, said he had found some of his ancestors were slaveholders and others were abolitionists.

He learned a relative from a slaveholding family who married an abolitionist had received a slave girl as part of her early inheritance, although the girl was given her freedom when they moved to a free state.

Becker then quoted and paraphrased Malcolm X, who blamed the leaders of his time for some of the problems Blacks have faced:

“Your leadership has really sold you down the river” and fed Blacks lies to keep them repressed.

Becker repeated Malcolm X’s claim that “your communities are filled with drugs and crime,” blaming “the Democrats who put you there and keep you there,” and asserting government is “actively suppressing those raising issues of civil rights.”

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**From:** S T <tsbecker069@gmail.com>  
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The correction is the spelling of the name Malcolm X.

Thank you

T Becker