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Public Comment

From: Thomas Becker <lesdeplorable7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:29 AM
To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan
Subject: Public comment to be read into the record, agenda item A-1, BOS meeting 6/16/20.

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TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD.

On December 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment of the U.S Constitution was adopted. That amendment abolished slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States except as punishment for crime.

Over 350,000 Union troops died to make the 13th Amendment happen. In total, over 620,000 Americans died during the War Between the States.

I don't believe it's too much to ask of the individuals who wrote and support today's resolution to get the historical facts straight.

As of Monday, June 15, In the body of the Juneteenth resolution, there exists a sentence about Jerry Forney, a black man who came to California in the 1850's in bondage. The sentence reads " Jerry Forney, regarded as Santa Barbara's first black resident, was brought here as a slave in 1881". The ignoramuses who put this resolution on today's agenda show such disrespect to the millions of people who suffered under slavery that they refuse to study history and refuse to get the facts right.

It's now summertime. It's time for people of all creeds and colors to enjoy the warm weather and be happy. Juneteenth should be a day of barbecues, games and joyous celebration, just like the Fourth of July. However, any person participating in Juneteenth events organized by individuals with a weak grasp of history and seeking political power will spend the day with a bullhorn in their face, immersed in a hateful spew of toxic ignorance.

Americans are a fun loving people. Enjoy life, have a happy summer and don't ruin the next 3 months by hanging out with a bunch of Debbie Downers who've never read a history book.

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From: Thomas Becker <lesdeplorable7@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 9:50 PM
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Subject: Agenda item A-1 ignorant error in resolution.

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Who's the ignoramus that wrote this resolution? " Jerry Forney... was brought here as a slave in 1881 and refused to return to North Carolina with his master...." The 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery, was adopted on December 18, 1865. Forney actually came To California in the 1850's.

This resolution is an insult to the memory of the people who suffered under slavery. To be so ignorant of history is shocking, and demonstrates the utter lack of integrity of the people who placed this abomination of historical facts on the agenda.

This glaring, idiotic error should be corrected, and the people who allowed it to be presented to the people should apologize before the agenda item is called up on Tuesday.

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From: Thomas Becker <lesdeplorable7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:16 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan
Subject: Public comment, agenda item A-1, ignorant revision of resolution.

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On Saturday, June 13, I sent an email to the 3 county supervisors who are supporting the resolution to be approved on June 16. I pointed out that the ignoramus who wrote the resolution incorrectly stated that Jerry Forney, an early black resident of Santa Barbara, was brought to California in 1881 as a slave. I pointed out that Forney came to California in the 1850's in bondage, and slavery in the United States was outlawed in 1865.

On June 15, the resolution was revised to read an even more ignorant history of Forney. The revision reads that Forney came to California as a FORMER slave accompanied by his FORMER master.

The UCSB document "Roots of Community" accurately states that Forney came to California in the mid 19th century, in bondage and accompanied by his master.

The resolution needs to be revised AGAIN, perhaps by someone who respects the black community enough to get the historical facts right.

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