

**Subject: the continuing saga of del mar politics**

after dealing with the initial shock of pat vergne's termination this morning by our city manager scott huth, i thought i would write to all of you who have been such great supporters of pat to refute the del mar city press release.

first please remember that neither pat nor i have ever seen and specifically have been denied access to the initial complaints. through design we don't know what was said in those complaints so we also don't know how scott huth expanded this investigation into a life of its own. we know this started as an employee verbal altercation and nothing more. my speculation that mr huth made it into the witch hunt that it became.

no one will show us the results of the investigation, what documents were relied upon, who was interviewed or what they said and we have never known to this moment the focus of the investigation. hard to believe huth or anyone in del mar thinks this is due process or has any fairness attached to it.

as to the specific allegations

1. i have no idea how the \$150,000 figure was computed. i do know that pat vergne has followed the exact same procedure for more that 10 years in renting out the community services buildings ( and giving discounts to memorial services, 501c(3) charities and employees and others) and that procedure was well know to everyone in city hall including mr huth and the last two city managers. there has been total and complete transparency here but apparently no responsibility by mr huth who has never had a meeting with pat vergne nor ever given him any direction over the last 6 years regarding handling or the renting of the community services buildings.

2. pat knows nothing about false overtime claims but do know that the employee in question worked significant overtime hours working as the employee on site at the powerhouse for the frequent rental of the power house. she was filling in when the lady who was normally slated for this on site job was unavailable. again this overtime was submitted and paid by city hall and was completely transparent to mr huth and finance over the last number of years.

3. the outside contractor work was contracted to a company to maintain the floors (waxing and buffing) at the power house which del mar was and is unable to do because it lacks the proper equipment. a part time employee of del mar who also works for this outside contractor did the work. he has a second job since he only works part time for del mar. this charge is totally bogus.

4. pat has no knowledge of personal purchases on del mar's credit card to the amount of \$4500. credit card purchases were made for items used by life guards and the community services dept. and again have all been submitted to city hall over the years in complete and total transparency. no one has ever told us how this figure was computed or which credit card purchases were for personal use or even who's personal use. it is hard to defend accusations when you don't know what they are.

there is much more to this than the heavy handed press release by the city of del mar. please don't believe what mr huth and the mayor have published to defend huth's actions. we will see where this matter goes next but i can assure you it is not over yet.

pat's termination is a complete loss to the citizens of del mar whose needs and desires have never been considered.

ultimately, we are the losers!

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