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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Special Meetings and Bridging Divides

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Dear Healdsburg Mayor Mitchell and City Council members:

I write for no other. I represent myself.

No other person or agenda. I am a former public servant and a current resident, taxpayer, your constituent, "pre-Districting"... I want to be clear:

My goal for our city is to foster, promote, and ensure Transparency in government.

Though Councilman Edwards may have used the "bridge as a metaphor" for his election signs, my signs in 2014 were self- designed with our Memorial Bridge as a symbolic, relevant symbol of "Bridging a Divide." My campaign and my mayorship led with Communication & Transparency as the goal, my reason to serve. I wanted to be a bridge For my neighbors since 2014 Healdsburg had plenty of public mistrust.

Here you all are assembling in a Special Meeting to address, confer, ask questions, check-in, re: a legal proceeding that IS costing "your" tax payers plenty (I have a request to discover the actual cost so far, a formal PRA request that surely is not that complicated to share). I am in the Queue.

My Question: How much money will we/ I be spending to resolve the Eisenberg case(s) brought against our city, me?, to ensure we, the people, know what is happening with our money, our vital, democratic processes?

I patiently wait for my requested Public Information yet this afternoon you all meet to maybe get a Fresh Look on what is happening, Today. Thank you for your time and attention and my invitation for boldness.

The CC decided to take July off when I was in office (I reluctantly spoke against that as well as the four day work week if that meant City Hall and our business dept. for Utility billing would close every other Friday).

I lost. I also lost the last election for Palacios' abandoned, two year seat by a slim margin. What IS not lost on me is the need to talk. To negotiate. To trust you all and move forward after elections and after failed ballot Measures, like R and O.

Now it is mid-June and July will be a long, hot one with plenty to ruminate and no CC meetings.

What matters? Communication.

I urge and request you Meet with Eisenberg and a neutral, not Zutler herself, attorney. Keep Sam out of this particular meeting. For the good of the city. Ms.Zutler certainly wants an end to this litigation!

And Recuse yourself IF you think your presence at the meeting will be contentious or personally challenging.

I trust City Manager Kay and Mayor Mitchell to negotiate a way forward through this UNfortunate mess of litigation. I still do not have my head around it, but after personal meetings with the majority of you, including Jeff Kay, on this now public record of communication, I believe the fear of Eisenberg has shrouded the reasonable way forward.

Our country is divided. Our city does not have to be! Nor should it be!

Mayor Mitchell and VM soon-to-be Mayor Herrod were at our very well-attended No Kings Rally on Saturday. They can attest to the Power of the People. Our Roundabout and our Police staff, once again, Shined! Sooo proud of our Unity. Let's not miss the message re: what the People Want.

What matters?

Transparency.

We can do better. Eisenberg and the City of Healdsburg must talk and resolve this because You Can... if You Choose.

Please get out of fear and attorney bills, and precious time. Our people need your attention on Democracy, Water security, serving the Public Good, and protecting our town from the 2025 POS, maybe not in that order!?

*** I may publish this letter in July with some edits. Not out of spite, but out of a desire to resolve this expensive, unnecessary court case.

Please give us some Good News!

Sincerely,

Brigette Mansell

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