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To the Board of Directors:

While I now reside half the year in Yucca Valley and half the year in New Mexico, I was a resident of Joshua Tree from 2004-2018. I was deeply involved in the community, serving on the board of the Chamber of Commerce and as president of that organization. I have known Stacy Doolittle for a long time and regard her as a dedicated and able public servant. I also know she has unimpeachable integrity and speaks her mind, both admirable qualities in an elected official.

The censure resolution before the Board has no place on the agenda. It was conceived in secret and revealed in a manner that can only be termed an ambush. Charges are leveled without evidence, without even concrete examples of alleged misconduct. Stacy Doolittle is a tough cookie, and that makes her good at her job in the opinion of the voters of Joshua Tree. But no doubt she can rub her adversaries the wrong way. Such differences should be resolved internally, and I am sure that they can be if addressed openly and honestly. The censure resolution should be tabled or squashed.

But there is another aspect of this unfortunate affair that I find particularly troubling.

That is the backroom nature of this action. The JBWD deals with important issues that reach well beyond Joshua Tree, all the way to San Bernardino, Sacramento, and Washington. These issues frequently involve large sums of taxpayer money, as well as lucrative contracts with consultants, construction firms, developers, lobbyists, etc.

Were there backroom dealings that prompted this action against Stacy Doolittle? For example, she has made no secret of her opposition to the septic-to-sewer proposal, favored by the County and worth millions of dollars. As I write this, San Bernardino County is actively on the FBI's radar. Supervisor Hagman and other influential parties are under investigation, triggered by backroom dealings which law enforcement finds suspicious. Stacy Doolittle's insistence on access to public documents and full transparency, far from being a hindrance to the operations of government, are in fact the surest way to protect those in power from the sort of scrutiny Supervisor Hagman is now enduring. She deserves not censure, but support.

Respectfully,
George Kopp
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