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Mayor John Chiang and Council Members
c/o City of Piedmont
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Per email

Mayor Chiang and Council Members:

Re: Councilmember Jeff Wielers's comments on Facebook to Michael Rancer

On Sunday evening (October 2, 2012) Councilmember Jeff Wieler launched a verbal tirade on Facebook against Michael Rancer, the Chairperson of Piedmont's 2011 Municipal Tax Advisory Committee. The tirade is online at www.facebook.com/jeff.wieler.

I have attached a copy of a letter I have sent to Mr. Wieler and a copy of his Facebook page to this letter.

As an elected Councilmember, Mr. Wieler is one of two Council members authorized by resolution to prepare the Measure Y argument and rebuttal, and a member of the Piedmonters Supporting Measure Y campaign committee for a Yes vote on Measure Y.

In this capacity his public statements carry a lot of weight. He is one of the Council's faces of the campaign to support Measure Y.

1. Do Mr. Wieler's statements represent the official position of the Piedmont City Council and the City of Piedmont?
 - a. If not, will the City Council and the City of Piedmont distance itself from Mr. Wieler's statements, and reiterate its thanks to Mr. Rancer for his volunteer service to the City of Piedmont?
2. Does the City of Piedmont have a Code of Conduct for elected Council members, appointed Commission or Committee members, and Staff with respect to acceptable to standards of public behavior and communications regarding items of business related to the City of Piedmont?
 - a. If yes, please provide a copy
 - b. If not, will the City Council direct the City Attorney to draft such a policy?
3. Will the City Council censure Mr. Wieler for his statements and actions?
 - a. If not, why not?

I have suggested that Mr. Wieler makes an effort to apologize to Mr. Rancer. He should:

1. Apologize to Mr. Rancer in writing in his Piedmontage column
2. Allow Mr. Rancer to publish a column of equal size in the Piedmont Post at the same time of his apology so Mr. Rancer can make his argument opposing Measure Y
3. Submit his written apology to Piedmont's other news publications including The Piedmonter, Piedmont Patch and Piedmont Civic Association
4. Publish a copy of the apology on the www.yesonmeasurey.com.

Michael Rancer deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Gilbert

Cc: Piedmont Patch; Piedmont Post; The Piedmonter
Piedmont Civic Association