## Please <u>include</u> this letter in the Clayton City Council and School Board meeting packets.

To whom it may concern:

As a long-time resident of the Bay Area, currently living in Clayton, I, like many, was disappointed by the immature shenanigans at Diablo View Middle School, but before we go off the deep end, we need to look at several important factors.

- 1. Kids will be kids. I hope that it was just a stupid kid's mistake. Nevertheless, until we know for sure it should be made a teaching opportunity, not a full-blown racism issue.
- 2. Maybe the kids (and adults) are tired of being called out for the wrongs of our forefathers some one-hundred years ago. The white guilt placed on our children is unhealthy and dangerous and will only cause further division. The CDC has recently reported our youth (across the country) are experiencing a serious mental health crisis with sadness and suicide risk being at an all-time high. The MDUSD needs to stop allowing the teachers to divide our students with this white guilt and woke agenda.
- 3. Flying the gay (proud) flag on school campuses and around town is causing the same problem with our students and community and is only causing a further divide.

Let's face it, the woke agenda is not working and is wrong. Teaching our children non-grammatical pronouns is insane and is creating injustice out of thin air. It seems that not having a problem is a problem for the woke liberal group. The education system is brainwashing our youth and it must stop. School districts and communities need to realize that promoting race and gender as our core priorities are screwed up and we need to get back to the basics components of teaching before it is too late. Let us not forget California ranks at the bottom of the list when it comes to education. So I think we can all agree...we have a lot of work to do.

Furthermore, Clayton Council member, Holly Tillman needs to stop race-baiting the community and school district(s). Calling the East County NAACP and organizing a press conference over this matter was way over the top and should have never happened. She (Holly) has done more to divide the community than bring it together.

Clayton is not a racist community, our police don't profile, and sundowning does not exist in our town. Holly has stated that she is aware or knows of individuals that will not come out of their homes after dark because they are fearful of being harmed. As a public official, she should have the responsibility and common sense to educate these individuals or help them seek professional help. Not standing up to mistruths and correcting innuendo seems to be a pattern to Holly's agenda.

Superintendent, Adam Clark, President, Trustee Keisha Nzewi, and VP Trustee Erin McFerrin need to make sure this small incident, at the Diablo View Middle School, is looked into and correctly handled - without Holly Tillman's involvement and her racist and woke agenda.

Hopefully, you can make this a teaching moment for all of us to learn from

Thank you,

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Dear Mayor and council members of Clayton Please read in o the record

City of Clayton

My name is

Clayton was home to me for 12 years until recently. I am still very much connected to Clayton and the residents there. I am also a CBCA member. I wish to speak to item 8a – **Consideration to terminate**CBCA's Master Use Agreement.

Please consider what CBCA has done and continues to do for the community and beyond. They go above and beyond supporting the community and businesses in ways the city cannot and has not done. If the city is seeking budget improvements; terminating your agreement with CBCA is not the way to go. This agreement essentially allows to free up limited city staff time from doing multiple and time-consuming permits for all the events CBCA puts on for the community. It appears to be more cost effective to keep the agreement in place so that CBCA and the city can work efficiently to get these events in place in a timely manner for the community.

If the city seeks more revenue to balance its financial shortfalls, is taking CBCA's event money the way to go? That means less is given to the community. 35% of those funds goes to School Education, 22% to School Scholarships and the rests feeds into the Clayton Theater, the Clayton Library, Treatment/Support Groups, Concerts in the Grove and more.

I am not sure I fully understand the reason to consider termination of the agreement. Have you considered having a conversation with CBCA about the terms of the agreement as a first step? This is a partnership agreement that is benefiting the Community. Thank you for you r time.

## **Janet Calderon**

From:

Jeff Wan

Sent:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:31 PM

To:

Janet Calderon

Subject:

Fw: City Council Meeting Tonight

FYI

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jeff Wan < jeff.wan@claytonca.gov>; Jim Diaz < jdiaz@ci.clayton.ca.us>; Peter Cloven < peterc@claytonca.gov>;

Letecia "Holly" Tillman <hollyt@claytonca.gov>; Kim Trupiano <kimt@claytonca.gov>

**Subject:** City Council Meeting Tonight

To the City Council Members,

I would like this email to be read out loud at tonight's meeting and become part of the comment section of the meeting.

My name is Roxanne Pardi, Managing Director of the Clayton Theatre Company and I am unable to attend tonight's city council meeting. On behalf of CTC, I want to thank the City Council for approving the 80% discount of the non-profit rate for the rental fees of Endeavor Hall that has historically been in the Master Use Agreement with the city since we began CTC in 2012. Clayton Theatre Co. would NOT be able to continue without this discount.

I try and stay out of politics due to being the Managing Director of the Clayton Theatre Company. My husband's family has lived in Clayton since 1960. The Pardi family has been very active in volunteering and giving back to the Clayton Community for over 63 yrs.

The last few years have made it nearly impossible to have a conversation or express an opinion regarding anything political.

So, with all that being said, I'm going to express my thoughts and opinion regarding CBCA possibly receiving only a 50% discount on the Clayton non-profit rate versus the 80% discount that CTC and all the Clayton non-profit organizations that fall under the 150+K threshold are granted. It's wrong. CBCA should receive the same 80% discount. The organization is vital to the city of Clayton. Over 1 million dollars has been donated since they started in 1984 to schools, college scholarships (our daughter received one), team sports, the library, CTC, food pantry, mother's crisis center, Bocce Ball....too many to name. I belong to CBCA and we feel penalized for being successful raising money. All the money goes back into our community. I agree with keeping the current fees for outside organizations and the rest of the fee schedule. I also feel that the City Manager should use all the PR and social media tools to get the word out about all of the facilities that are available to rent out in Clayton and to attract potential retail businesses. The space on the corner across from Endeavor Hall has NEVER had a renter! I believe it's been 15+ years!

I understand that personalities, egos, feelings of being wronged by others can cloud one's judgement. I'm asking on behalf of CBCA and the citizens of Clayton for the City Council to do the right thing and keep CBCA at the 80% discount of the non-profit rental rate.

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right". Theodore Roosevelt

Sincerely,

**Managing Director** 

**Clayton Theatre Company** 

PS CTC's next show "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie opens March 17th