

# **City of Sierra Madre**

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### Subject:

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From: Daniel Golden [

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 7:27 AM

**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>; Gene Goss <ggoss@cityofsierramadre.com>; PlanningCommission

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Please have the email below distributed TODAY to all Planning Commissioners, all Members of City Council and Mayor Goss in advance of tonight's meeting.

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## **Intrusive and Inappropriate Action by Planning Commissioner**

Recently, Planning Commissioner Peggy Dallas took it upon herself to challenge our commitment to protecting Sierra Madre by coming onto properties on Alegria to ring our doorbells and begin arguments with us about our "wrong thinking."

We were taken aback and appalled that a member of the Planning Commission would think she had the right to come to any citizen's private home and try to undercut their American rights to display a sign that she disagreed with.

Was this her own rogue action, or was she operating with the blessing of the Planning Commission and/or the City Council? In either case, her action was not only intrusive and unacceptable, but quite possibly unethical.

She claimed in her conversations to have vastly more expertise than anyone about the Meadows project. Her argument was actually unpersuasive as was the handout she brought along, outlining the all-toofamiliar pro-NUW position points. By the way, did she copy this handout at City (taxpayer) expense?

How can we display our civic positions with lawn placards without fear of improper political pressures from public officials? How can any resident of Sierra Madre have confidence in an open and evidence-based debate about the future of the City when its officials not only advocate for developers, but try to discourage, if not intimidate, those who disagree?

We think it's only appropriate for Ms Dallas to at least recuse herself from any future decisions related to the Meadows project. We also think there's a good argument for her removal from the Planning Commission. She may not have violated state Ethics guidelines, but she certainly showed questionable judgment, and underscored the documented concerns of many citizens that old-style backroom deals--fueled with outside money-are being struck at the expense of the City and its residents.

We are dismayed, disheartened, and ever more distrustful of the City's leadership.

Loyal Sierra Madre Residents,

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