


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
 City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 CITY COUNCIL
 AGEND ITEM

Meeting Date: April 20, 2021
To: Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Agenda Review Committee
Subject: Call For Resignation of Windsor Town Mayor Dominic Foppoli
Recommendation : Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposed Letter for Submission to Town of Windsor Mayor
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No X N/A
 Net General Fund Cost: N/A
 Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

The item tonight before the Council is to Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposed Letter for Submission to Town of Windsor.

BACKGROUND:

Sexual violence is widespread and has a profound and lasting impact on every community member of Sonoma County.

As recently as April 6th, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to address the issues of rape and sexual violence by: remembering victims, believing and supporting survivors, holding perpetrators accountable for their actions, and challenging societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate sexual violence in our community.

Tonight’s item is to do just that.

DISCUSSION:

As a Mayor, we are bound to conduct good and honest government. Our government is the foundation that strives to provide its citizens with happiness, security and prosperity. Incompetence, corruption and misconduct in local government threaten fundamental decency in a society.

On April 8, 2021, the Sonoma County community was rocked with the allegations made against Town of Windsor Mayor Dominic Foppoli. Sexual assault and sexual misconduct are very serious issues and the allegations against this Elected is disturbing, shocking, and appalling. Being an Elected is a honor and a privilege, not a right. We work for the public. We as Elected officials should be and are held to a higher standard and we are elected with the public trust and confidence put into us to effectively represent our constituents. In the public eye, Mayors are at the top of the city’s government structure.

As recently as last night at the Special Town of Windsor Town Council meeting, Mayor Foppoli announced that he would not step down from the Town Council to address the allegations of sexual assault. We agree that everyone has a right to their due process. However, the Town of Windsor Mayor Dominic Foppoli has lost the trust and confidence of his constituents, his colleagues, and the greater Sonoma County community to effectively represent not only the Town of Windsor but the County as a whole. As a Mayor or Elected, we are open to scrutiny of our

actions and these allegations have placed him under intense local and regional scrutiny and has put doubt into what should be public trust in government. He is no longer qualified to effectively govern and should take the time to provide focus to his personal affairs.

We are requesting that Dominic Foppoli do the right thing, take time to take care of his personal affairs, and resign immediately and support the Town of Windor's vote for Dominic Foppoli to resign.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the item tonight.

Recommendation:

That the City Council receive the report.

Attachments:

Letter

City Council

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City of Sebastopol

April 21, 2021

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RE: Request for Resignation of Town of Windsor Mayor

Dear Councilmembers:

The City of Sebastopol takes seriously its commitment to address the issues of rape and sexual violence by: remembering victims, believing and supporting survivors, holding perpetrators accountable for their actions, and challenging societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate sexual violence in our community. We stand with your Councilmember Esther Lemus and other victims of sexual assault.

The City of Sebastopol supports you in your demand that Windsor Mayor Foppoli resign immediately. Clearly your City cannot be governed effectively when your Mayor stands accused of multiple acts of sexual assault and misconduct. With Mayor Foppoli's resignation Windsor can begin to heal and move forward into better times and a promising future.

Sincerely,

Una Glass
Mayor
City of Sebastopol