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Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Public Comment Received For City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Cc: PETER MANCUS [redacted]
Subject: RECOMMENDED READING

Dear Sebastopol City Council-Members,

Attached are 5 screenshots--one each for books I strongly recommend each of you buy and read, immediately.

I strongly recommend that you give extreme high priority to comprehend what you can learn from these books.

I urge you to do as I recommend to help you improve--substantially--the quality of your decisions as local city council-members.

Per my judgment, individually and as a group, you far too often do not inspire confidence.

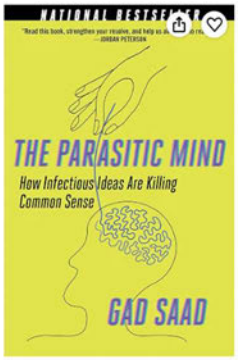
I often experience your mis-leadership and the basis for same to be appalling.

I am disgusted with your frequent blatant virtue signaling, your sub-par reasoning, your limited data base, your world view, your approach to governance, your priorities, and your inexplicable egregious obnoxious attitudes, etc.

-- Peter Mancus

Local resident since 1984 to date

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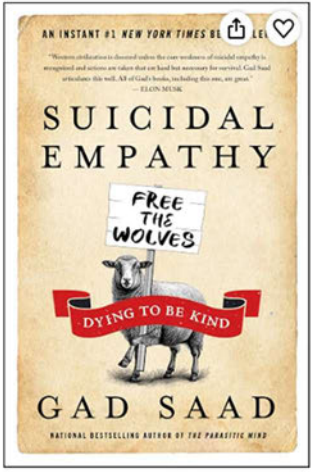
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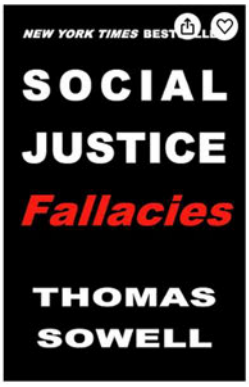
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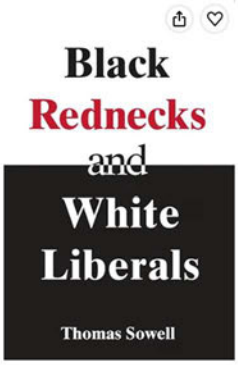
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This explosive new book challenges many of the long-prevailing assumptions about blacks, about Jews, about Germans, about slavery, and about education. Plainly written, powerfully reasoned, and backed with a startling array of documented facts, Black Rednecks and White Liberals takes on not only the trendy intellectuals of our times but also such historic interpreters of American life as Alexis de Tocqueville and Frederick Law Olmsted. In a series of long essays, this book presents an in-depth look at key beliefs behind many mistaken and dangerous actions, policies, and trends. It presents eye-opening insights into the historical development of the ghetto culture that is today wrongly seen as a unique black identity--a culture cheered on toward self-destruction by white liberals who consider themselves "friends" of blacks. An essay titled "The Real History of Slavery" presents a jolting re-examination of that tragic institution and the narrow and distorted way it is too often seen today. The reasons for the venomous hatred of Jews, and of other groups like them in countries around the world, are explored in an essay that asks, "Are Jews Generic?" Misconceptions of German history in general, and of the Nazi era in particular, are also re-examined. So too are the inspiring achievements and painful tragedies of black education in the United States. "Black Rednecks and White Liberals" is the capstone of decades of outstanding research and writing on racial and cultural issues by Thomas Sowell.

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