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COMMUNITY UPDATE Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 8:00 AM

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ADJOURN – 8:26 a.m.

From: robin kostrikin
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 10:27 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: EXTERNAL: Public Testimony

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Dear County Commissioners:

I agree that social media can be very toxic as people feel emboldened to wage personal attacks, however when people in positions of authority are not accountable or transparent, then this is what to expect. The same is true when people run for public positions and support controversial positions.

I have a code of conduct on my FB page, and lay out my rules of common human decency and as long as people are constructive and don't do personal attacks, I give people 3 times to respect my rules. I fully support freedom of speech which many in this country take for granted. People who run for public positions need to expect people to question their stand on the issues especially if they ignore their constituents and don't believe in the democratic process.

Unfortunately, it does not give me any pleasure Commissioner Bell, but I remember when you did the same to people who disagreed with you and waged personal attacks. You accused community members of being intolerant against Hispanics in our community fueling the fires of hatred and intolerance. This is virtue signaling.

To this day, Commissioner Bell has never bothered to contact me which I've asked a number of times. It tells me you don't care when someone has a dissenting voice, or concerns. If you are unwilling to talk to people who have concerns, you have no business in this position. When you first ran for office, you were eager to meet for coffee, and now that you are in office, you are in an "ivory tower".

Let me explain a few things I've learned. There is someone who comments on all the Tillamook Community pages on FB. Recently, an anonymous post on the Tillamook Scanner page, and then this person stated that the 4 candidates running for NVSD had put signs at the bottom of Fisher Rd. and Brooten Rd, and it reflects on what kind of candidates they will be on the NVSD school board if they don't know what the policy is in our county. The poster also never bothered to check with the county.

I have lived in PC Heights for the past 25 years, and people have been putting political signs there with no complaints. Within 30 minutes of this false post saying someone had to get a permit, or it is illegal, the signs were gone before they were able to find out from the county if they were able to do that. It was late in the day and on a Friday. A community member talked to someone at the county on Monday who explained the county policy. They did the right thing. So someone stole these people's

signs and didn't feel they needed to be returned to the owners. I believe in having a moral/ethical compass and we have taught our children right from wrong. I would never dream of doing that if I didn't support someone.

So then a person in what we suspect was a fake account that always makes accusations on all the Tillamook County pages made many accusations regarding what is going on in the NVSD and these 4 candidates. No one knew who this person was and as soon as these questions were asked, they quickly deactivated their account which makes them look like they have something to hide. If you are going to say something and can't use your real name, then you have no business commenting.

I've dealt with many people who resort to ad hominem instead of having a mutually respectful dialogue, and you can deal with it in many different ways. Block someone, ignore their posts, or engage, and there are moderators who do the same.

So this is the problem with social media and that people are creating fake accounts so they are not accountable for having common human decency, or there are many AI accounts. The signs have been put back where they are and whoever took them did something illegal by not returning them to the owners. This is something that you should also talk about as it happens every election cycle. It happened to someone in PC that I was supporting for a board position.

I also agree that we have lost common human decency on both sides of the political spectrum, but how many people who speak out regarding this don't lead by example?

Thank you for your time. Robin Kostrikin, Pacific City