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EXTERNAL EMAIL

To: FPPC Commission
From: Gwen Kellas
Via email: CommAsst@fppc.ca.gov
Re: Charles Grace FPPC No. 20/416

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Gwen Kellas, and I am the San Simeon CSD Board Chairperson. I want to make it perfectly clear that I am writing to you as a home owner and resident of San Simeon, and that nothing I say reflects or represents the San Simeon CSD Board or District Staff. It is my personal opinion.

I have owned my condo since 2011 and have been involved with the District as a resident since 2012. I first met GES District Staff, Renee Samaniego Osborne on my first visit to the office to set up my deposit and bill. It is with thanks to Renee that I became interested in the District and started to attend well run Board meetings and learn about the District, GES and wastewater treatment. For being such a small disadvantage community, I was impressed with how well everything was managed and ran so effortlessly. After talking to other residents, I learnt it was solely due to Charles Grace of GES and the Staff. That is when I first heard what a disaster the plant was with ageing infrastructure, sewage leaks, odorous nasty sewer smells, violations and a District on the verge of bankruptcy. I was told repeatedly that Charles Grace and his GES Staff were solely responsible for how well run the WWTP and District is today

Moving forward to current times: it is sad and unfortunate that “things” changed due to one resident Mr. Hank/Henry Krzcuik (Krzcuik). All of the current alleged complaints stem from an irate, unhappy man, who as many have said appears to have a personal goal to destroy the District. Strong words—but unfortunately true. It would take many pages to list all his unfounded alleged complaints. His harassment of District staff led to a cease-and-desist order, all public knowledge. His disruption of Board meetings, in-person where he was told to leave voicing threats of calling his lawyer and threatening to sue the District, to his most recent intentional disruption in ref. to who is the GM—a 9-minute hot recording heard by Board members, the Sheriff and 10 to 15 attendees where he instructed a Michael Donahue on how to intentionally disrupt a Board meeting by asking who is the General Manager and naming others he was going to contact to do the same—and yes they all complied.

Krzcuik became the Lead of the social media platform Nextdoor where he proceeded to denigrate Charles Grace and the San Simeon District loading it with misleading and intentional careful wording of negative disinformation about GES, the Staff and board members. All of which was shared with numerous letters to the

County, Supervisor Gibson, the DDA, the DA and Hearst to name a few. Several complaints were registered with Nextdoor and case numbers were provided—but as with many social media platforms nothing was done to investigate or curtail the bullying and harassment. It became worse.

Karina Tiwana, a local attorney, became a follower on Nextdoor in support of Krzcuik. Tiwana is responsible for the diatribe of the Form 700 letter to the FPPC. The letter that all those in the mobile home park never saw yet signed. As an attorney she should most certainly be aware that an address change and job title change has no impact on a 700 Form as long as the financial portion remains the same. To say that the Form 700 and alleged conflict of interest harmed the District is a desperate bullying pipe dream.

Suffice to say I cannot find a single instance where Charles Grace has harmed the District. His staunch support of the District and the community has continued through the bullying and harassment he has been put through. Many would have walked away to maintain their sanity. Nor can I find a situation where Charles Grace has NOT been open and honest in all his work for the District and community and to the best of my knowledge nor has anyone else.

The only harm to the District has been inflicted by Krzcuik, Julie Tacker and a handful of their followers—they are the only true harm.

I understand this was a monumental challenge for all of you as a first 1090 violation, and that all of you put in many long hours of research and time to process this complaint. I and many others know that your fairness and investigation led to your original decision that was 100% correct, that NO harm has been done to the Community, from the past to the present, by Charles Grace.

Respectfully,

Gwen Kellas