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From: Mary Margaret McGuire <mmsansimeon@gmail.com>
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To: CommAsst
Cc: Charles Grace; Gwen; Mike Hanchette Senior
Subject: Charles Grace, FPPC case # 2020-00416

EXTERNAL EMAIL

To whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Charles Grace and Grace Environmental Services who have been providing water treatment services to the San Simeon community for several years, taking the District and its water treatment plant from disrepair, neglect, and fiscal uncertainty to a well-run operation that receives accolades from oversight agencies.

My association with Mr. Grace goes back to 2012 when my husband and I moved to San Simeon and began attending SSCSD Board meetings and extends to the present, including an almost four-year term (Dec. 2016—Apr. 2020) as a member of the SSCSD Board, ending with my resignation in 2020.

During this time, Mr. Grace or a member of his District office staff has always been available to answer questions or provide information about any concerns I as a resident had. During my tenure as a Board member, Mr. Grace and I would meet frequently to discuss concerns I had about all aspects of the District, waste water treatment, and the services GES provided—and as a novice, I had many questions. It was not unusual to call Charlie in the evening or on weekends. He was always available and unstinting with his time and level of concern that I understand fully the issues before the Board and how everything worked. Clarity, transparency, and helpfulness are the words I would use to describe his actions

Never in my dealings with Mr. Grace did I detect a hint of duplicity. If any irregularities ever occurred in his running of GES as regards the SSCSD, they were inadvertent.

It is unfortunate that a small but vocal segment of the San Simeon community foments fear amongst District residents and perpetuates “untruths” against an individual and his company who has greatly improved conditions in the District for the community.

Sincerely,

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P.S. My husband and I relocated to Traverse City MI October 17, 2021