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Santa Ana SAPOA Members,

So we are up for a raise. Do we actually think we are getting one? Last year 2022 we lost the majority of it. This year we are 6 months into the year and nada. Is there one on the horizon? As SAPOA Members does one actually believe that with these constant fights with the city our SAPOA Members will benefit? Take this recall which will cost the city considerable amount of money to put forward. Does one actually think the City of Santa Ana and its politicians will actually forget these political shenanigans after all the lawsuits from last year? Do SAPOA Members realize our SAPOA keeps losing?

Our current SAPOA President is not doing our SAPOA any favors. His wars with the city will not benefit current and future SAPOA Members for some time. ***The filing for this RECALL cost the SAPOA Members approximately \$25,000.*** (See the filings) These Santa Ana Council members are up for reelection soon.

Do SAPOA Members realize that SAPOA members are paying for all these roguishness political techniques by our SAPOA.

- 1. No Raise with this cost of living increase***
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This new contract proposal, we are simply getting some perks lost and getting a few new perks but in actuality in dollars and cents the SAPOA members are paying for them because we were without a contract. Who do we thank for such astuteness?

SAPOA Members have asked me, What do I have against the SAPOA. My answers is simple " Absolutely nothing... . The only problem is when a SAPOA Members voices his opinion and not heard, insulted and then the attempt is made to have

him arrested for assault and battery under color of authority. This is not cool. Well, you poked the bear now come and get some honey!

But the hardest items to recover is all the bad blood and ill will created by our SAPOA with the community we serve, the City of Santa Ana, and our Santa Ana Police Department. This will take time but for a short-timer it's nothing. Will our SAPOA survive? Sure, but it will take time. A short timer will do what's in his best for himself and not for the benefit of all. I, personally am not for this RECALL. ***This RECALL is going no where.*** (See Attached) In the eyes of our community, our SAPOA keeps losing and will continue to do so with this current SAPOA administration.

Respectfully,

Manuel Delgadillo

SAPOA MEMBER for 28 Years

cc: Santa Ana City Council

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Santa Ana council member Jessie Lopez during a press conference about a recall campaign filed against her and fellow council member Thai Viet Phan on the steps of city hall in Santa Ana, CA, on Monday, January 30, 2023. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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This is not a recall, it's a coup: Santa Ana Police Officers Association President Gerry Serrano is using taxpayer dollars to increase his power, spike his pension and corrupt Santa Ana politics.

Over the past 12 years, Serrano has wielded his political connections to sweep a DUI charge under the rug, run political opponents out of office and recall City Council members who stand up to him. He also uses the might of his POA to influence elected officials at every turn, spending nearly \$1 million in campaign donations to impact local races. This is all paying off quite well for Serrano, as he's amassed a small fortune — making more than \$2 million between 2017 and 2021 — at the expense of Santa Ana taxpayers.

During his tenure as POA president, the city has been bombarded with meritless legal claims, frivolous lawsuits and false allegations against senior public officials. Newly elected officials have been on the receiving end of either robust campaign contributions or negative attack ads. Even federal law enforcement have been looking into him, with a federal subpoena by the FBI.

As he has said in his own words, he is willing to "burn the place down" to boost his own pension, all on the backs of Santa Ana taxpayers.

This current recall attempt — which could cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars — is a direct reaction to the demands of Councilmembers Benjamin Vazquez, Jonathan Hernandez, Thai Phan and myself to open up the books and allow for a public review of millions of dollars in healthcare funds being given to the POA every year.

After months of stonewalling and bad-faith negotiating by Serrano, in December 2022, the city legally imposed its last, best and final offer. In addition to requiring the city's auditing ability to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used appropriately, the new contract included a 3% raise for frontline officers and giving active police officers access to city-sponsored healthcare plans with greater selection and affordability. This offer also would have required Gerry to perform actual police work instead of spending all day lobbying.

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Apparently it was too much to ask this "officer" to do any actual police work or to let a firm audit millions of dollars of taxpayer funds meant to help retired cops with their healthcare. Unsatisfied with the changes to the contract and in an effort to continue receiving millions of unaudited or unaccounted taxpayer money, Gerry Serrano launched recall efforts against me.

Clearly, we've made him uncomfortable. Gerry's association has already dropped more than \$257,500 to unseat me, blanketing the neighborhoods of my district with paid canvassers who approach doors with countless lies. These canvassers walking our neighborhoods will not tell you any of this — nor will they tell you that this power grab would waste thousands of taxpayer dollars.

All the while, the city continues to pay nearly a million dollars a month to an association where their president has rejected any and all accountability measures.

I'll be blunt: Santa Ana residents continue to face a structural deficit and hard decisions need to be made. However, cutting off one corrupt individual's unlimited access to taxpayer money shouldn't be one of them. That is why I stood with three other colleagues to stop the madness and bring back accountability and greater transparency.

Gerry will do anything to ensure he has a council majority that does what he says, when he says, at any cost. We should be all able to trust our government and the elected officials to do what is right, not for the benefit of one power-hungry abusive man, but for the residents of our city.

This recall will determine whether or not his coup succeeds. I urge you to stand with me as I fight the biggest bully in City Hall.

Jessie Lopez is mayor pro tem of the city of Santa Ana. Learn more at standwithjessie.com

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