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Subject: RE: Mayor Pro Tempore - SECOND IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I had made an online post for public awareness and this was what my position is on this all that I mentioned:

THE ORDINANCE

(b) Each time a Mayor is seated, the most senior member of the Council who has not yet served as Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The council member who has received the most votes during the most recent election shall serve as Mayor Pro Tempore if two council members have equal seniority. The council member who declines to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore shall be deemed to have served for the purpose of determining succession. Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve at the pleasure of the council and may be removed by the affirmative vote of majority of the council, in which event a majority of the council shall select a successor.

- 1) This is one paragraph with combined sentences, an all-inclusive section called (b).
- 2) I went through the history of each Mayor Pro Tempore and saw a trend that they became one after being in office the first two years of being elected. Not as a NEW councilmember from day one.
- 3) The ordinance is quite clear. I think people are stuck on this part of the ordinance, which is "Each time a Mayor is seated, the most senior member of the Council who has not yet served as Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The council member who has received the most votes during the most recent election shall serve as Mayor Pro Tempore if two council members have equal seniority." Seeing the ordinance doesn't mention the words NEW or RECENTLY ELECTED but uses SENIOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL. It's obvious to me that means those still in office is a SENIOR MEMBER.
- 4) The second sentence of the ordinance then states, "The council member who has received the most votes during the most recent election shall serve as Mayor Pro Tempore if two council members have equal seniority." Now it's easy to understand that this sentence as its words means the same as taking the "if two council members have equal seniority" to the beginning of the

sentence instead of the end. Again, it means the same thing and is further supported by the first sentence.

All the above indicated to me the rightful Mayor Pro Tempore is councilmember Karen Macedonio. It couldn't be any clearer to understand.

She really should have been it in 2020 based off the first sentence of the ordinance as the only senior member of council left before the 2020 election was councilmember Lessenevitch and it appears he already served as Mayor Pro Tempore back in 2008 from that year's agenda, unless there was another councilmember named Lessenevitch back in 2008, but I don't think that may be the case.

**Sincerely,
Shawn Bradley
Resident of California City, CA**

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