

Tuesday October 22nd 2024

**Hello Riverside County Supervisors and 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez:**

I'm Marshall Locke, a citizen of the 5<sup>th</sup> District in the community of Nuevo since the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Supervisor Gutierrez, you will recall that at the October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, I notified you of an opportunity your current chief of staff failed to take advantage of related to a developer workshop in Nuevo on August 28th—a workshop your current chief of staff orchestrated and approved behind the scenes with the developer, apart from the awareness of the Nuevo MAC and community.

But since then, you have issued directives to your current Chief of Staff to demonstrate good faith and show a spirit of partnership—a spirit that Nuevo has sought to cultivate with you from the beginning of your term.

I am pleased to report an opportunity to model good faith is now available.

But first, I want to recognize staff of 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor Karen Spiegel—and in particular, Madelyn Torres—for her work in partnering with the Temescal Valley MAC in putting together their meeting agendas.

Legacy Nuevo MAC members—including yours truly—have attended several Temescal Valley MAC meetings, and we were duly impressed by the high level of partnership and organization shown between District 2 and the Temescal Valley MAC.

Most notable: We saw that Temescal MAC meetings regularly featured not only County-level representation, but political representation at the state and federal levels as agendized items—I tip my hat to Madelyn Torres, she's doing a heck of a job!

Supervisor Gutierrez, it is important for you to know that your predecessor and his staff—for reasons we can't fathom—actively worked against including state and federal representation as agendized items of Nuevo MAC meetings. Maybe that is a reason why he is elsewhere today.

In my 30+ years in the public sector/local government, I saw firsthand how essential it was for local, state, and federal entities to actively communicate, coordinate, and collaborate to achieve goals and get projects completed on time and on budget.

**Supervisor Gutierrez, here is the opportunity to model authentic partnership based on good faith and mutual respect: Nuevo respectfully requests you to direct your current chief of staff to work openly and cooperatively with Nuevo MAC and community members to make state and federal-level representation regularly agendized items of Nuevo MAC meetings going forward.**

Thank you.

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