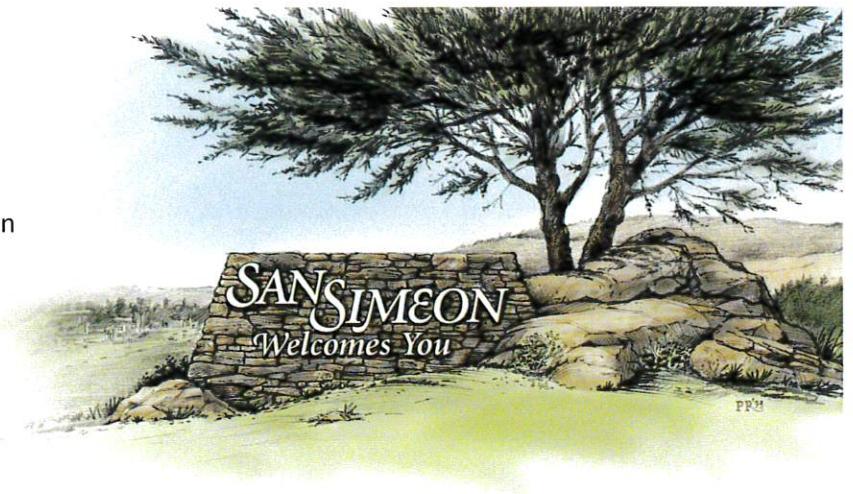


November 12, 2021

California Fair Political Practices Commission
Enforcement Division
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811
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Via: Email

Re: FPPC Case No. 2020-00416 Charles Grace

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing on behalf of the San Simeon Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the San Simeon Community Services District Board of Directors, Grace Environmental Services, Charles Grace and staff. As business owners and operators, we are dependent on safe, cost effective and reliable services and stay informed as to the decisions and actions in our District. It has come to our attention that a minority group of residents and a developer who have been challenging the District on many fronts, are now asking your Commission to find that Mr. Grace has “harmed our community and public” by his actions while providing services to our District.

As stated, we are informed and have witnessed this same general group orchestrate monthly disruptions at our District’s meeting to achieve their personal agendas. Some of these same individuals have used numerous public agencies in an attempt to discredit Board Members, staff, community members who have spoken in support and the District itself. Their disrespect and threats have resulted in the resignation of District board members and others, in the community, are intimidated and hesitant to get involved. Please, just take a moment and watch a video recording of 2 or 3 District meetings to verify this behavior for yourself. (available at sansimeoncsd.org) This very behavior is what harms the reputation of our District and the public that relies on its services.

As a small District we are continuing to improve our infrastructure, resolve deferred maintenance items and long-standing issues that were allowed to exist long before the arrival of Charles Grace. During Mr. Grace’s tenure, many long-standing items have been and are being resolved. The seventeen-year issue of the unpermitted riprap has reached a resolution with the California Coastal Commission. The need for complete refurbishment of our water production facility, including pumps, controls, wells, and structure, etc. has been completed. The high chlorides in our drinking water, from saltwater intrusion, that existed for twenty years and was exacerbated by severe droughts, has been resolved with an emergency permit to construct a water treatment facility. While this project had a glitch due to the District’s lack of complete survey information for its easements, ownership, etc. it is important to note that Mr.

Graces' positive and professional relationship with the Hearst Corporation has allowed for its satisfactory resolution. Please note the district has completed surveys on the wastewater plant, water production and storage facilities, roads, etc. during his tenure.

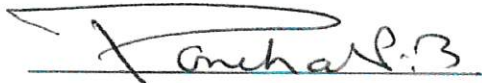
In the interest of brevity, we will summarize other recognizable accomplishments under his stewardship: updated District Facility Masterplan, progress on lifting a thirty-year connection moratorium, update and resolution of the District's deferred maintenance items at the wastewater treatment plant with no additional violations or fines. It is also important to note that our working relationship with the State of California's Hearst Monument is good and has been conducted in a professional manner.

The persons who are objecting need only place their name on the ballot and win the confidence of the electorate to change the direction. Their inability to do so, speaks volumes about their need to weaponize the commission and other agencies to bring about their end.

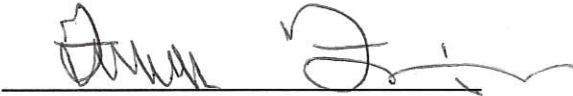
Please, for the continued interest of our community, approve the previously presented stipulation as set forth at your October meeting and support our communities' informed belief that our District, Charles Grace and Grace Environmental and staff have acted in a professional manner for the best interest of our citizens, community, and the public at large.

Respectfully,

San Simeon Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors



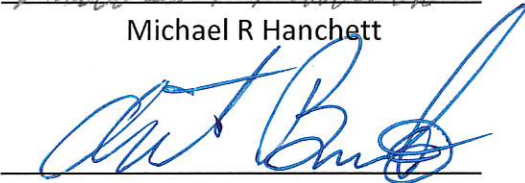
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