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Subject: Suggestion for Council

I agree with Councilmember Pham it is not right to deport a person who has served in our armed forces. By serving tells me this person supports the USA and by their service should earn the right to be a citizen of the great land. So instead of giving the vote to all undocumented persons who are here illegally I would suggest the following. Also to give the right to vote is not the responsibility of a local council.

The council should ask the city manager to write to the Governor and the President as well as our representatives in DC and suggest they offer citizenship and the right to vote to all veterans who have served our country and not deport them.

This I can support and would be willing to work on. I do not support open borders or giving away all the benefits we enjoy as citizens of this great land.

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I am not supportive of this. Being a citizen of this great country means something to me. My grandparents and your families came to this country for a better life and I believe we have all found it. My grandfather from Germany entered the US through Canada. He came because he was not allowed to vote in Southern Germany. He learned English, became a US citizen in 1902 and voted in 1904 for the first time. He never forgot his German roots but was a proud, thankful and supported citizen of the USA.

It surprises me that two members of the council who I do respect and think are very intelligent people support this. They are lawyers and should know that the right to vote is controlled by the State and Federal governments not by local city councils.

They should also know that if an undocumented person votes it reduced their chance to become a US citizen. Just read the questions asked on the application for citizenship. I know because I have helped a number of people to apply. Unless you are not concerned about being a citizen of this great country. If a person is only interested in the benefits and not this country then what type of citizens will they be?

Or maybe some council members are in favor of open borders, I am not. If so, please just be transparent and say it. But do not give away this country which welcomed you in, piece by piece.

Remember the Words of President Kennedy

" Ask not what your country can do for you but what can you do for your country!" Becoming a citizen and earning the right to vote is one thing all people can do.

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I do support the formation of a Police Commission in Santa Ana but not as being proposed by the ACLU and some members of the council. Due to Family commitments, I may not be able to speak to the council tonight so I am writing this response. I will be back in to the chambers in September

So here are my concerns:

Membership on the Commision: It should be open to all citizens of Santa Ana. We are ALL Impacted by crime, not just those who get arrested for committing a crime. At the same time the commission can not be made up of only law enforcement. This commission needs to be balanced, open and fair or it will fail. It is just like sex between a couple. Consensual and it is the most beautiful thing you can experience. But yet if forced by one person on the other, it is dirty and ugly. Please make our commission a thing of pride and beauty

Purpose of A Commission: I think some of the council do not understand the purpose of the commission. It is not to get back at the police for enforcing the laws we need to keep us safe. But to give the citizens of Santa Ana a voice and make the Police Department more transparent to those they serve. Let me point out again that SAPD serves all citizens of Santa Ana.

But no one on the council at the last meeting talked about reviewing the procedures and past incidents in the department. When I worked at Dow Chemical I was asked to be part of a number of teams which investigated injuries, releases or near misses. Our goal was to find the root cause and prevent it from happening again. Looking at the procedures was an important part of our work. We looked to see if the procedures were written or not, Were they effective or just words. When were the employees training on the procedures and did they follow them? We learn a lot about the plant and how it operated by just looking at the procedures.

Reviewing police procedures is an important part of the police commission.

Do Not Change the Charter of Santa Ana. I do not support changing the charter of Santa Ana. Let the final decision on hiring and firing of police personnel be with our City Manager and Chief. If the city manager or chief is not performing to the standards of the council then they as our elected official can make the change in city manager. Please do give the right to fire police members to a group of criminals (no matter what you call them) as suggested by some council members.

ACLU guidelines: I am glad that a lady speaking at council read the ACLU guidelines for a Police Commission. I agreed with a few points but not that the commission members should not be from Santa Ana. Keep the members citizens of Santa Ana who have a stake in the city and the concern for the safety of our citizens.

Thank You

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