

## Teri Grant

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Good afternoon Teri

I am not able to attend the Wednesday Board meeting. Could you please forward my comments/concerns to General Manager Helliker and other Board Members? Thank you in advance

Mr. Helliker and Board Members,

I am the founder and current president of a non-profit focused on issues in Granite Bay. Our mission to educate residents on development and issues which impact communities throughout Placer County. Being in this role for almost 10 years, I am in routine contact with residents countywide and can confidently state that when Ms Tobin's name is raised reactions are always positive, her knowledge is greatly respected and her commitment is appreciated.

Due to our 501c3 status, I am expressing my concerns as an individual.

The recent actions taken to censure Pam Tobin for an oversight in using the San Juan Water logo on a self-funded mailer has been handled in a draconian fashion. As someone familiar with this violation through participating in a number of local political campaigns, this censure is far more extreme than any response by the FPPC. Violations of this exact nature were issued warnings to "not repeat" and there were no fines, penalties or record.

During this critical time when issues such as the proposed merger are in progress, silencing Ms Tobin's ability to represent her district is reprehensible. The merger and loss of water rights were a focal point of her campaign which resulted in a decisive win. Therefore, it can be reasonably stated that a majority of residents have similar concerns.

It can be perceived that as the lone voice opposing the merger that this excessive censure is politically motivated, retaliatory and a means to drive an agenda forward with no opposition.

As a commentary, the atmosphere and hostility exhibited during public hearings are quite concerning. These are important decisions with irreversible implications. They need to be vetted with enough data to convince not only yourselves but the public that moving forward is the right thing to do.

The penalty issued by this Board not only penalizes Ms Tobin but the residents who chose her to represent them. It is a disservice, and quite frankly, unprofessional to 1) prevent her from representing her district, 2) silence her concerns regarding adequate public disclosure, record retention and loss of water rights and 3) impose an excessive penalty.

I respectfully request that you rescind the censure as an extreme action for a minor infraction.

Larissa Berry