
RE: Agenda items #8-9 for tonight's regular board meeting

Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 11:28 AM

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I've included extensive comments in the attached PDF.

Thank you.

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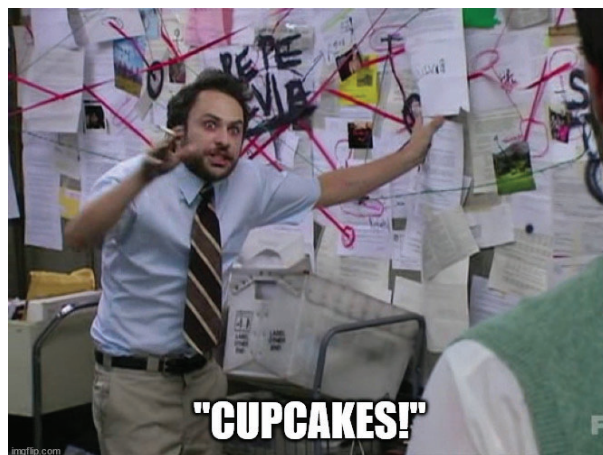
For Agenda Item #8, I STRONGLY SUPPORT the motion to censure Kathleen Travers. As a Region 1 stakeholder and an AHG mom, I have no confidence in the ability or willingness of Ms. Travers to impartially represent my interests on the Board. I don't expect her to share my beliefs, but I do expect her not to misrepresent them. Her actions during the STARC Committee meeting show her to be a malicious gossip, without integrity. There's no way this is the first time she's spread lies like this, and it won't be the last.

For Agenda Item #9, I STRONGLY OPPOSE the motion to approve Judith Quinones of ABRA to the Board. If you would never vote to put a KKK rep on the STNC, you should never vote to put an ABRA rep on the Board.

Did I just imply that ABRA is an extremist racist hate group? Yes, yes I did. If you want me to explain, keep reading. If not, I thank you for reading this far.

I hope you forgive the level of detail I will use in this letter. I include it because I can guarantee you will have to deal with this issue again, and again, and again. And if you don't already understand the backstory, I hope my synopsis will help you in the future.

Let's talk about cupcakes and conspiracy theories.



We've all known our share of conspiracy theorists. Most of the ones I know are very nice people, despite their easily debunked ideas. If you had a member of the Flat Earth Society or the Moon Landing Truther Club on the STNC Board, you could probably still function well as a unit. But there's one conspiracy theorist who is fundamentally different: the Woke Marxist.

If you aren't already aware, Woke Marxism/wokeness/Critical Race Theory/antiracism is a totalitarian ideology built on the idea of "systemic racism" or "white supremacy" or "white

privilege.” It’s the answer to every question, the facile explanation for every unsolved problem in the world, the perfect ad hominem attack... and it’s a completely unfalsifiable theory. Everything that exists is proof of white supremacy. Water, math, road construction, motherhood, “baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet”-- everything is “racist.” If you deny it, that is also proof of white supremacy. And the only thing that will fix white supremacy is non-white supremacy.

This conspiracy theory has gone viral and infiltrated every sector of society. This is especially bad, because a central tenet of Marxism is the need to destroy the existing societal structure and rebuild it in Marx’s image. Woke Marxism is the same old tired ideology, dressed up in trendy clothes.

People who subscribe to this ideology use a redefined vocabulary made up of Orwellian double-speak:

“Inclusion” means “excluding the ‘wrongthinking’ people.”

“Diversity” means “anyone but whites, especially normal white males.” Everyone should look different, and think exactly the same.

“Equity” means “discrimination and redistribution to benefit the ‘right’ people.”

“Leveling the playing field” means “non-whites get to have their turn being the oppressors.”

“Racial reconciliation” means “white people grovel and apologize to non-whites forever.”

“Racism” is a bad thing only white people do to maintain white power. Non-whites can’t be racist, unless they disagree with antiracists; then they’re racist white supremacists. If people hate each other, it’s because of white supremacy.



If “antiracism” sounds a lot like the normal definition of “racism” to you, that’s because **“antiracism” IS racism. They’re two sides of the same bad penny.**

Now couple this lexicon with the idea that the only thing that matters is getting power. In Woke Marxism, you can lie, you can be completely hypocritical, you can be absolutely irrational in your arguments, if it helps you acquire power. Every accusation they make is an exercise in projecting their hate onto their opponents. Woke Marxists act outraged all the time, over every little thing, because they want their opponents to cower, grovel, and apologize, FOR-EV-ER. They have no forgiveness

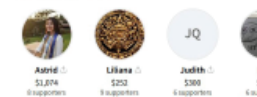
Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021 — Tujunga, CA

Support indigenous People coming back to the Land.



Give to the Cause Campaign Ended

Team Members



\$50 Kaz & Michael made a \$50 donation 5 months ago
Thank you for organizing this! Miss you guys!



ABRA fundraiser led by Judith Quinones. <https://givebutter.com/TujungaIDP> Nothing to see here, you guys. ::wink-wink::



to offer. They don't even care about the outrage du jour. They just robotically recite the script in their antiracist playbook. Everything is a cudgel they use to crybully their way into a position of power. The only time they're genuinely upset is when they don't get what they want. If they don't get what they want, then the only possible explanation is racism/white supremacy/white privilege.

What does this have to do with cupcakes?

Recently, I became aware of a Facebook post shared by Ms. Quinones in the "Sunland-Tujunga INCLUSIVE Community" group (emphasis theirs) that ranted about the supposedly sinister connection between the STNC and American Heritage Girls (AHG), a Christian-oriented alternative to Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA). First came the complaints that the STNC wasn't doing what the "antiracists" wanted, followed by a description of AHG that cast it in the worst possible light-- "bigotry, exclusion, and evangelical white supremacy." And all that bigotry and exclusion was happening under the cover of cupcakes at the Elks Lodge. Dun-dun-DUNNNNN!



In today from [Tujunga Progressive](#).

Cupcakes, Bigotry, and the STNC

From September 2020 through April 2021, the STNC pushed back against establishment of an Equity & Inclusion Committee and voted to postpone or reject several anti-racism measures. Recently, they decorated cupcakes with the American Heritage Girls. What do these things have in common? More than you might think.

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) was founded in 1995 by Patti Garibay, a former Girl Scout of many years who took issue with the addition of an asterisk next to the word God in the Girl Scouts' promise. The change was intended to further inclusion for young girls with different beliefs, who might want to substitute "our creator" or "Allah" instead. In response, Garibay founded the alternative American Heritage Girls, which bills itself as a "Christ-centered leadership development program," but is basically the Girl Scouts curriculum plus a hearty infusion of Bible verses and renewed focus on purity.

In short, the existence of AHG is a backlash against inclusion, and continues to be so. Emily Schneider, writer for *Jewcy*, penned an article about AHG in 2017 entitled "American Heritage Girls — It's Girl Scouts. For Bigots!" She writes:

Are you a girl who is interested in building friendships with other girls who are not Muslims? Would you like to learn new skills, but not with Jews? Are you against reproductive, gay, and transgender rights? Have your parents examined their consciences, and determined that purchasing Girl Scout cookies negates the values of the Gospel? Then the American Heritage Girls (sic!) are the group for you! In joining, you can personally participate, with the help of well-meaning and irrevocably prejudiced adult mentors, in turning back the clock on human rights.

Ironically, yet unsurprisingly, the highest level of achievement in the AHG is "Patriot," a word that has been so thoroughly co-opted by American all-right extremists as to become synonymous with bigotry, exclusion, and evangelical white supremacy.



There you have it: The connection between our STNC and the AHG is a backward, stubborn stance against inclusion. It's worth noting that there is no AHG troop in Sunland-Tujunga; the closest one operates out of Community Life Church in La Crescenta. So, the STNC would rather decorate cupcakes with an AHG troop from *outside* of our community than work for equity and inclusion *within* it.

But hey — at least board member Cheryl Schmid's daughter is a little closer to her next badge.

Meanwhile, Ms. Travers had a hot-mic moment at a STARC Committee meeting where she characterized AHG as “the racist offshoot of the Girl Scouts.” Here she is doubly misinformed. Not only is AHG *not* racist in the normal sense, but there *is* a racist extremist alternative to GSUSA, called Radical Monarchs.

Imagine a club for training little non-white kids to be radical leftist activists, where parents of white ancestry must attend three meetings a year to learn “white ally best practices.” The kids’ salute is an uplifted fist, of course, and the uniform is liberation cosplay: brown berets and brown vests. Badges include: “Black Lives Matter,” “Radical Pride (LGBTQ Ally),” and “Pachamama Justice.” If they do any cake decorating, it’s probably covered by “Food Justice.”

Now, for ABRA activists, this probably sounds like a dream come true. I think it sounds perfectly dreary. But let’s not kid ourselves and call it “inclusive” in the normal sense. In this fringe group, the “right” people are excluding the “wrong” people and teaching the “right” things. The existence of any alternative viewpoint is problematic. For these people, the “marketplace of ideas” only has room for one store with one product-- just like a socialist economy.

The problem Ms. Travers and Ms. Quinones seem to have with Christians is that we exist at all, and we have the audacity to participate in society instead of pushing our Christian identities into the closet and remaining silent and invisible. I fully expect that they will read this letter and scream about my “white supremacy” for a solid month. My boss told me to expect it. They hate me because they hate Him.

What kind of person gets upset over something as wholesome and benign as kids decorating cupcakes for a community event? Someone whose priorities are upside down.

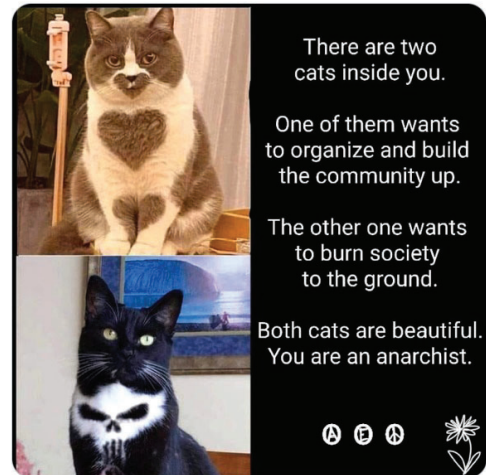
Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! --Isaiah 5:20

They call Christians “backward” and “stubborn.” That’s fine by me. In a world that has lost its collective mind, I’m glad to know the crazies have noticed I don’t fit in.

When I served on the committee to form the STNC in the early 2000’s, our goal was “to improve the quality of life in Sunland-Tujunga.” Sometimes, all you can do to improve it is to keep bad-faith actors from making it worse. This is one of those times.



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^^^ *This step comes first.*

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Please, I implore you, do not give an inch of power to people who march down Foothill Boulevard chanting, “F*** the city, F*** the state,” while seeking authority to represent our community to the City. They don’t want to improve the quality of life in Sunland-Tujunga. They want to tear it all apart.

Do not give them a stepping stone to higher office. Do not grant them legitimacy or clout. **They don’t want a seat at the table. They want to own the table and fill it with their activists.**

Most importantly, don’t let these people crybully you and make you feel defensive.

They don’t have rational arguments. Their ideas are intellectually and morally bankrupt. All they have rhetorically is a list of words they can hurl at you in the hopes that one of them will wound you and get you to surrender.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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