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From: Monique Beauchamp Monday, August 17, 2020 8:59 AM
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Subject: Opposition for Mr. Hardin for the HRC

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Dear Members of the Body,

The purpose of my comment is to voice my concerns about the appointment of Jason Hardin for the HRC. I believe that appointments for such a committee should be taken seriously and the person chosen should be above reproach.

I have had the opportunity to see first hand how Mr. Hardin conducts himself in public, on the debate stage for the Pasadena Mayoral run and his current social media presence. He has always been vocal about his incarceration from 3 years ago for domestic abuse and violence.

I have found that his conduct in public and on Social Media to very contrary. Both his public and social media presence reflects who he is and what to expect of his behavior, if in office. Disappointingly, I have seen behavior from Mr. Hardin that was inappropriate, abusive and completely unprofessional. These are the specifics as to why, I believe, Mr. Hardin does not have the temperament or the professionalism to hold such an office.

- Mr. Hardin has admitted to having a personal vendetta towards a current committee member. Over the months he has been belligerent, accusatory and divisive towards Victor Gordo. Regularly airing his grievances laced with profanity and insults. Some comments have been so egregious that moderators removed the posts.
- It was unacceptable how, 2 weeks ago, Mr. Hardin felt that it is appropriate to publicly disrespect our law enforcement. Mr. Hardin titled a public conversation "Fuck the Police" directed towards our Pasadena Police Department. Then proceeded to accuse and stoke anger towards the department and the officers serving our community. The moderator for the FB Politics page also removed the abhorrent post.
- Mr. Hardin has shown that he lacks level-headedness to engage in a heated debate or disagreement, especially with those who have opposing views or adversarial criticism. He instead chooses to be disrespectful, profane, accusatory and dismissive.

I strongly believe that some committee positions should not be afforded to those with a history of violence. This applies, especially, for those who continue to show this type of unacceptable behavior. Our city deserves a person who will be capable of having a honest conversation and conduct themselves with integrity when subjects are brought up that they are not comfortable discussing. A person who builds a bridge not burns it down. An olive branch.

My concerns is if we appoint Mr. Hardin, with a background of violence who shows us that he is clearly unfit for a HRC position, what else are we going to overlook for future City positions? Will we be expected to afford the same to others with worse transgressions, conflicts of interests and backgrounds going forward? Our great

city deserves better with a person who is qualified, capable of maintaining their composure and above reproach. We deserve better.

Thank you

Monique Beauchamp

20 Year Pasadena Resident

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:00 PM
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Subject: Item 12: Jason Hardin

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Regarding:

12. RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & REAPPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF JASON HARDIN TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)

PLEASE READ ALOUD: I am asking that the City Council reject the Mayor's nomination of Jason Hardin to the Human Services Commission. To me the reasons are obvious, but for those of you not following along closely here's my concerns. Let's just look at this timeline.

Hardin ran against Tornek twice for the position of Mayor. It doesn't make sense to recap on how those challenges went, but a quick google search can illustrate how far apart their thinking has been. Recently there has been a sudden change of heart. I only ask that you question it as I have.

- July 14, 2016

Pasadena commissioner who alleges conspiracy...

- 1) *Former mayoral candidate Jason Hardin submitted a one sentence resignation letter Thursday after the City Council threatened to remove him from office during its next public meeting.*
- 2) *According to the City Attorney's Office, the arrest involved Hardin's live-in girlfriend. The charges indicate she had visible injuries and Hardin allegedly also injured an officer while resisting arrest, according to Rivera. The resisting arrest charge was dropped in the plea deal.*
- 3) *Hardin pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor charge of domestic battery with injury on May 11. The Pasadena City Attorney's office dropped two additional misdemeanor charges of criminal threats and resisting arrest in exchange for the plea, according to Will Rivera, chief assistant city prosecutor.*

- June 16th 2020 Jason suddenly has changed his tune on Tornek.

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"... Though he's only switching his tune now due to the upcoming election in November and because so many "Whites" are participating in the many local protests, this is still more promising than anything that comes out of Victor Gordo's mouth in regards to police misconduct. So, as much as it pains me to say it in a public setting, Terry Tornek, will have my vote in November!"

- June 18th 2020 Jason submits his application for the Human Services Commission position.
- Aug 9th Jason starts his attack on your opponent.
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"Anyone ever wonder what happened to Nick Jaine and the rest of Victor Gordo's first string of paid trolls? Dirty campaigning may be accepted as just the nature of politics, but having been the brunt of many hurtful attacks, I can honestly say that candidates like that aren't fit to run shit but criminal organizations. Anyone that can smile in my face, shake my hand, give me compliments, and pay people to hurt me at the same time isn't fit to lead or represent the good people of Pasadena or anywhere else. Make no mistakes about it, this race is very personal. It's personal to everyone who lives, works, or plays in this city, and that's how serious this next election is. A vote for Victor is absolutely a vote for the continued culture of classism, waste, embezzlement, police brutality, lack of accountability, disconnection, and division in Pasadena, and it is anything but a vote for change! Unlike many of the comments that'll probably come, I'm not writing from the perspective of the sideline or to cause confusion. This is what it is. This is politics in Pasadena."

We have enough evidence both on record and in social media that this person you are basically appointing to a public position is someone of questionable ethics and with what appear to be serious issues...with the truth. Whether he once used his candidacy to meet women on the campaign trail and then used his political position (just like he did with facemasks) to make himself the victim after he was accused of domestic violence. Or, whether he can't control his temper on social media, attacking anyone who disagrees with him, to now attacking your opponent, Victor Gordo. Using your political influence, Mayor Tornek, just like you do with developers, with the power to appoint people to commissions as a means to pay back a person who is attacking your opponent. You are abusing your authority, as entrusted in you by the voters for personal gain and to benefit your personal election campaign. He as smeared your opponent in public forums & you are rewarding him in real time, just like your reward to John Kennedy by appointing him to a paid position to the airport authority, and your support of high density developers who have been supportive of your campaigns. Can we believe Jason Hardin who once believed in independent oversight would suddenly support a Mayor who doesn't support oversight...can it be more obvious? So tell us, what exactly has changed, Mayor Tornek?

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