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Re: Dendra Dengler, FPPC#090438

Honorable Members of the Commission:

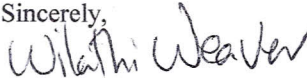
I am writing because it wounds me to see someone with as much integrity as Dendra Dengler to have petty power politics affecting her reputation. If one were to look into the records and minutes of Manila Community Services District politics, they would find multiple community meetings: strategic planning and other town hall-type meetings that clearly showed that a majority of Manila residents value public access to the Manila beach and dunes.

It needs to be understood that Manila is such a small community, being situated on a peninsula between ocean and bay, that any acquisition for public access benefits all parcels. Manila, as a community, has been acquiring lands for public access since the late 1980s. All public planning and acquisition has been supported by the community at large. In the strategic planning meetings that I attended, coastal access was at least number three or four on the community's priorities.

It saddens me to see small time petty politics hurting a community member volunteering so much of her time. Dendra Dengler has been a preschool teacher in our community for nearly 20 years, a volunteer for the community at many events. She has also volunteered for many years fundraising for the community center, recreation programming, and general overall furthering of community improvements. Dendra is currently being nailed by what I believe to be small town politics, people who want to silence her, from being the active, powerful, community member she is.

Dendra Dengler, is one of the few doers in our community of talkers. She dares to question other board members, and staff, when what they say doesn't add up, and now they are trying to bring her down. If one were to spend any time looking at actual minutes of the meetings involved, and any public media, they would find Dendra to be a person of integrity and working for the good of the community. This woman should not be made to pay because of petty political BS.

I was on the MCSD Board with Dendra Dengler for approximately a year and a half. I took the online Ethics training, and I feel that the expectations on new board members is misleading. I would never have thought that voting for public accesses would be for personal benefit. While I was on the board the General Manager quit, we hired two different Interim General Managers, and before and during that time the board was doing their best to take care of the business and management of the District. We gave Dendra Dengler the power to sign, and finish the MCSF business with the Celestry Property. I feel that without a doubt that whatever documents Dendra may have signed, or whatever actions may have taken place during public meetings, were taken with the interest of the public at large, and not for the individual good of Dendra Dengler. Everyone in Manila, and the greater community benefits from Public Access to the Beach..

Sincerely,

Wilathi Weaver,