

Donna Redstone

From: Cyndie Martel
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:44 PM
To: Donna Redstone
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Open Items July 10th Ross Town Council Meeting

Donna,

Please add this to the extra information area calling it Item 3. Public Comment_Rosenbaum

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Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 2:23 PM
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Madame Mayor and Fellow Council Members;

I plan on speaking during the Open Time #3 during the July 10th meeting ; however if something precludes my participation I felt that it was imperative to have my thoughts submitted and preserved for the Public Record.

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Madame Mayor and Fellow Council Members

My name is Michael Rosenbaum. I rise tonight and ask Town Council to direct the Ross Town Manager and Town Attorney to determine if Councilman Salter must recuse himself from this evening's vote on Agenda item #10, and in addition any future votes taken which relate to the future of a reconstituted Ross Fire Department.

For over 38 years it is customary that Councilmembers recuse themselves from variances and applications relating to their neighbor's construction projects. I demand that Councilman Salter update his Form 700 and that the Ross Town Council seek advice and guidance from the California Fair Political Practices Commission regarding Councilman Salter's undisclosed conflict of interest.

Councilman Salter's "open and notorious " support of the Friends of Ross Firehouse calls into question his objectivity and impartiality on this matter. Until the Town Manager and Attorney can adequately review the Articles of Incorporation and the financials of the Friends of Ross Firehouse, a purported 501c4 not for profit entity; every future vote taken by Councilman Salter on this matter is tainted and the Town of Ross risks future litigation. As citizens of Ross we need to know who is in "the pocket" of any special interest group or PAC.

As the Appeals Court wrote in the State of Georgia v Donald Trump et al;

"While we recognize that an appearance of impropriety generally is not enough to support disqualification, this is the rare case in which disqualification is mandated and no other remedy will suffice to restore public confidence in the integrity of these proceedings,"

I urge Ross Town Council to restore public confidence in the integrity of tonight's and all future Town Council meetings, and I urge Councilman Salter to have the decency to recuse himself from Agenda Item #10 this evening.

Respectfully,
Michael Rosenbaum

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