

Dear District Attorney Frugoli,

We're contacting you on behalf of the San Anselmo Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee. My name is Tiffany McElroy, and I am the Chair of the Committee. My co-committee member Larry Organ and I are writing to inquire about the case of racial threats against San Anselmo's Mayor Brian Colbert by resident Jerald Welty. The residents of our community and our Committee are concerned in part because this Hate Crime is directed at the highest profile elected official in our town.

We believe that the best way to deter such incidents is by making examples of those who engage in Hate Crimes. The failure to swiftly and publicly address and prosecute such crimes merely encourages and empowers this type of behavior. Case in point, the racist and anti-Semitic act found at Memorial Park on July 26th.

We would like to know what the next steps are from your office in charging Welty. As noted on your own web site, this incident appears to be a Hate Crime, the definition of which includes written or verbal comments showing prejudice, and in this case threats of violence.

We recognize that your office must ensure that all elements of a crime must be met and that all alleged criminals are entitled to due process. But our community does not understand why Hate Crime charges have not been filed against Welty. We know that the San Anselmo Police Department cooperated with the utmost professionalism, providing you with every piece of evidence in a timely manner.

We are a community that stands in solidarity against acts of hate. Our Racial Equity Committee requests that you give us and the residents of San Anselmo an update on charges as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tiffany McElroy
Chair, Racial Equity Committee

Larry Organ
Member, Racial Equity Committee